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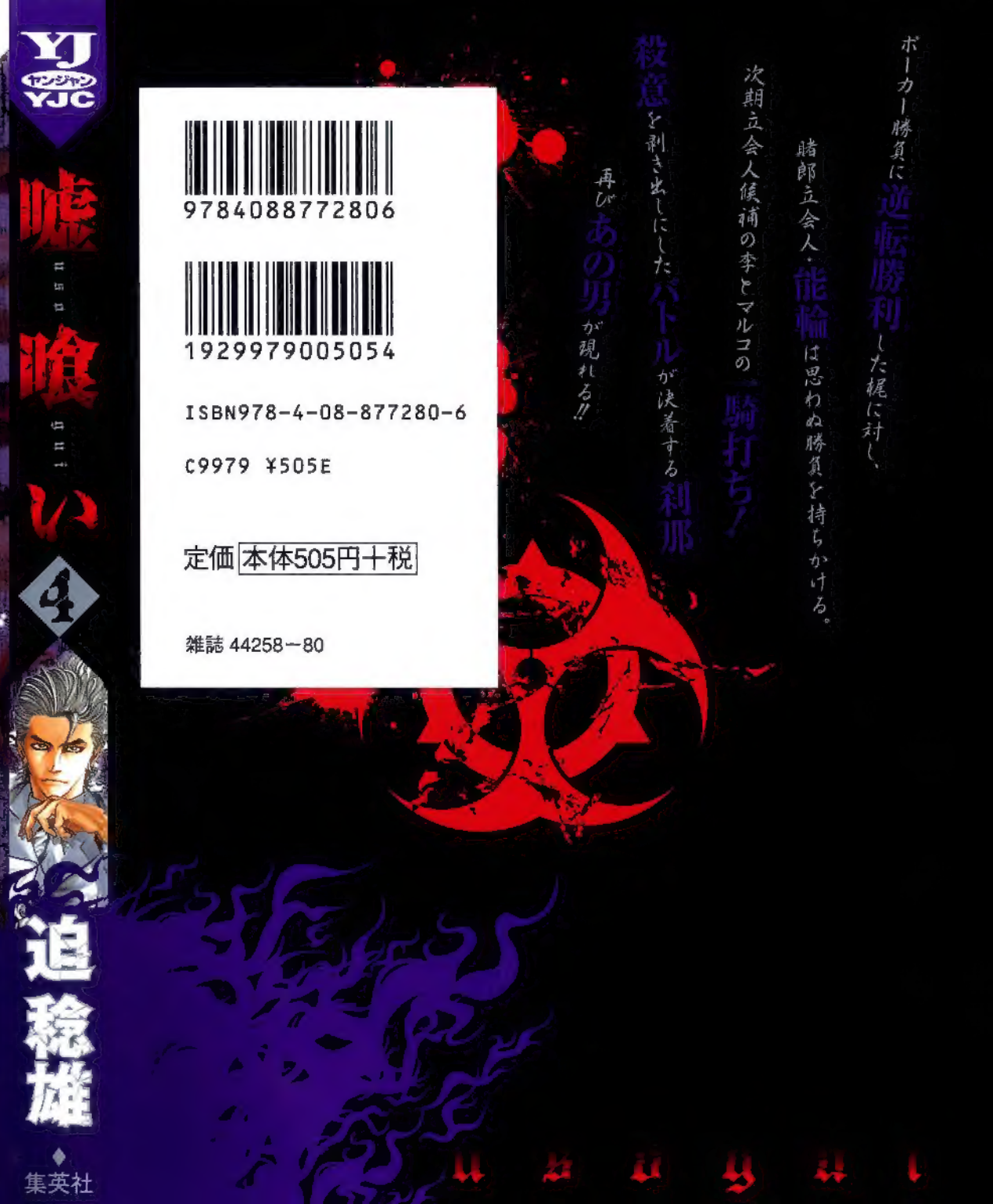

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story

UNTIL NOW

MADARAME BAKU OBTAINED MEMBERSHIP OF THE GAMBLING ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS "KAKEROU". BUT, KAJI IS APPOINTED AS THE OWNER OF THAT MEMBERSHIP. ON BAKU'S ORDERS TO CONTEND IN A GAMBLE, KAJI TOOK THE CHALLENGE BUT WAS DISPOSSESSED OF ALL HIS CASH. CALLING KAKEROU WITH THE INTENSE DESIRE OF TAKING HIS BACK LOSSES, KAJI NOTICES HIS OPPONENTS CHEATING, AND BECOMES VICTORIOUS BY TURNING THE TIDES... HOWEVER...?!

MARCO

FORMER GUARD OF THE ABANDONED BUILDING. HIS MENTAL AGE IS THAT OF A KID'S, BUT HE POSSESSES A MONSTROUS STRENGTH THAT IS FAR BEYOND ANY ORDINARY HUMAN BEING.

KAJI TAKAOMI

HE BECAME A KAKEROU MEMBER AS A RESULT OF MEETING BAKU. HE IS BEGINNING TO AWAKEN HIS GAMBLING SKILLS.

MADARAME BAKU

THE GAMBLING PRODIGY WHO POSSESSES AN INCREDIBLE INSIGHT, KNOWN BY THE ALIAS - "USOGUI", HAS A DEEP CONNECTION WITH KAKEROU

KIRUMA SOUICHI

HE STANDS AT THE SUMMIT OF THE CLUB CALLED KAKEROU, WHICH ONCE DEFEATED EVEN BAKU.

CHRIS LEE

HE CAN BE ACKNOWLEDGED AS ONE OF THE TOP TEN ASSASSINS IN THE WORLD. HE IS THE STRONGEST CANDIDATE FROM THE NEXT GENERATION REFEREES.

NOWAMI TOSHI

KAKEROU REFEREE NO:1. HIS SPECIAL ABILITY IS JUDGING HUMANS

YAKOU RIKOICHI

KAKEROU REFEREE NO:2. HE IS THE MAN THAT KNOWS BAKU'S MYSTERIOUS PAST.

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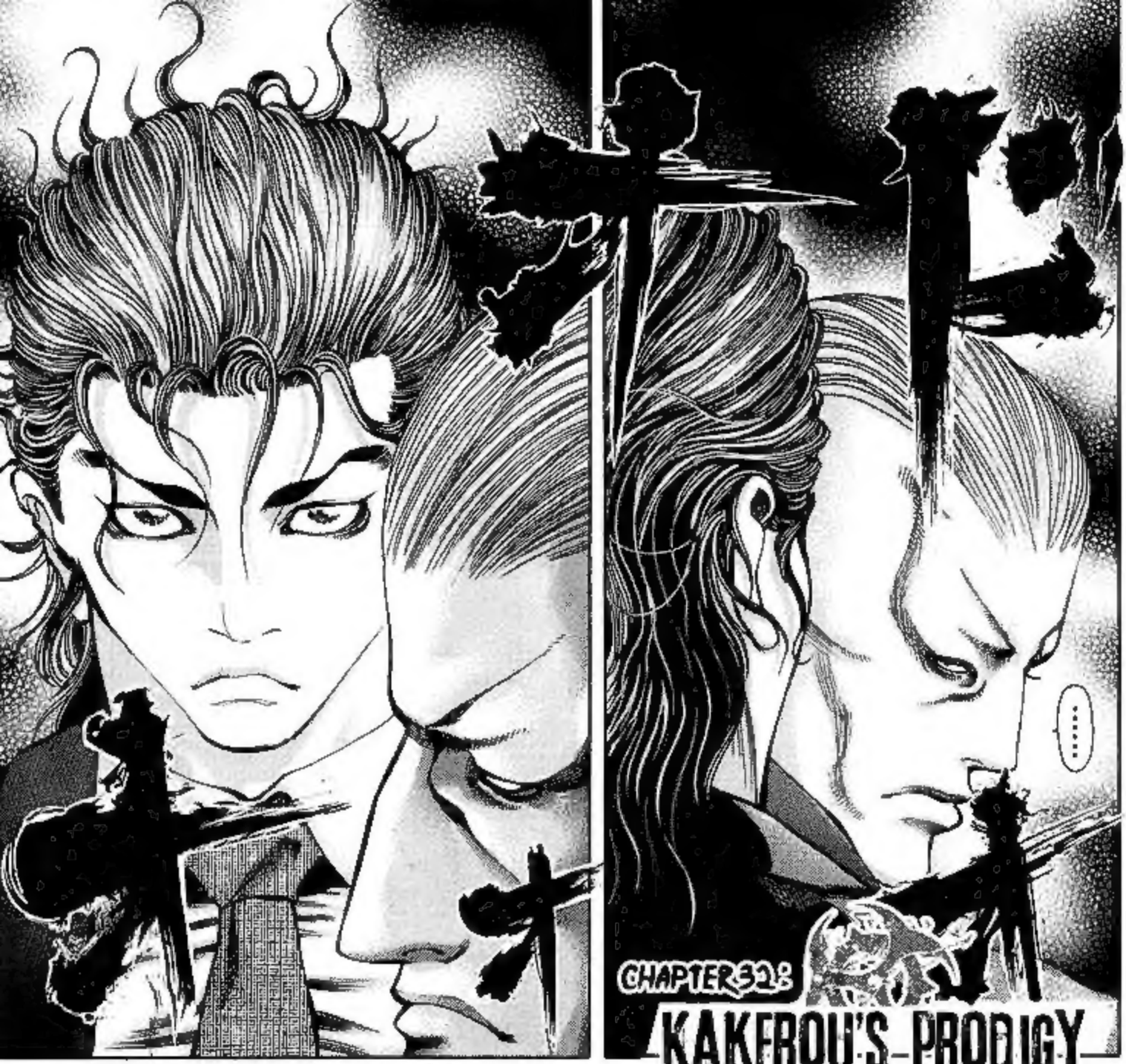
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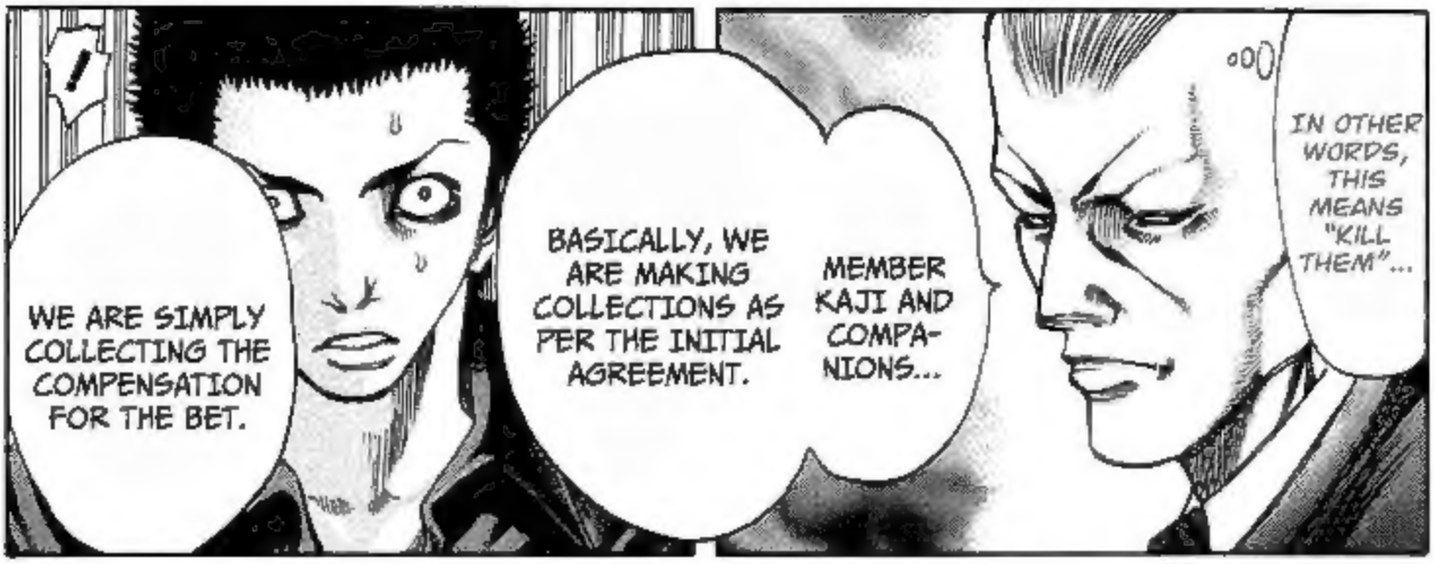
CHAPTER 32:
KAKEROU'S PRODIGY

.....
OUR DUTY HERE HAS FINISHED.
I AM LEAVING THINGS HERE TO YOU CHRIS LEE.
NOW, LET'S SEE YOUR ABILITY AS AN OBSERVER... DO AS YOU WISH!

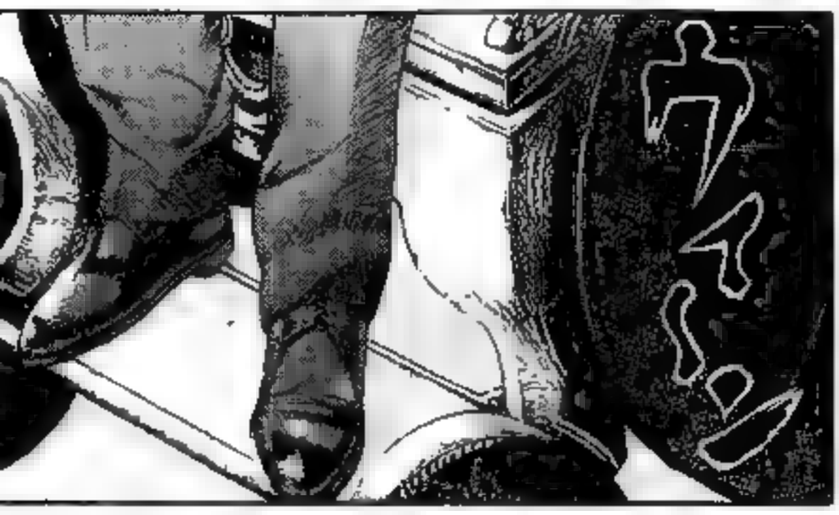

WE ARE SIMPLY COLLECTING THE COMPENSATION FOR THE BET.
BASICALLY, WE ARE MAKING COLLECTIONS AS PER THE INITIAL AGREEMENT.
MEMBER KAJI AND COMPA-NIONS...
IN OTHER WORDS, THIS MEANS "KILL THEM"...

OUR JOB IS TO SIMPLY COLLECT THE AMOUNT THAT IS DECIDED, BASED ON THE RULES AND PILE IT IN FRONT OF YOU! YOU MAY EVEN BE A MEMBER, AS YOU ALREADY ARE...
EVEN IF YOU DON'T REQUIRE THE COLLECTION OF THE MONEY OWED, THAT MEANS NOTHING TO US.

BUT, DON'T INTERRUPT OUR DEBT COLLECTION DUTIES.

IT IS A MISTAKE TO TAKE THE LOSER'S LIFE.

I WAS PASSIONATE ABOUT THINGS UNTIL NOW AND COULDN'T NOTICE... BUT...
EVEN THOUGH HE HAS NO MONEY...
THIS IS WRONG.



H.S POWER SURPASSES EVEN A GROUP FORMED WITHIN KAKEROU.
WISDOM AND BRUTE STRENGTH— HE IS A PRODIGY THAT HAS BOTH MERITS.

LISTEN TO ME, KAJI.
LEE IS AN ELITE ASSASSIN... HIS STRENGTH IS WITHIN THE TOP TEN WORLDWIDE.

I WONDER WHO CAN WIN...
HMM... LEE OR YOUR COMPANION...
HOW ABOUT WE GAMBLE ON THAT?
!?

WELL, I ALREADY UNDERSTAND FROM THE PRE-MATCH DEALINGS THAT YOUR FRIEND THERE IS NO ORDINARY MAN EITHER.
IF HE CAN WIN AGAINST LEE, THE LIVES OF THOSE TWO WILL BE SPARED.
ON THE OTHER HAND, IF HE LOSES...

I WILL DECIDE A WAY TO DEAL WITH HIM.
BUT, DON'T WORRY. I AM NOT PLANNING TO KILL HIM...

ASSUMING THAT HE DOESN'T KNOW
ASSUMING THAT HE DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT MARCO'S STRENGTH,
HOW IS THIS MAN PITCH INTO SUCH A GAMBLE CARELESSLY?

MARKO'S TRUE STRENGTH... THE ABANDONED BUILDING... WHAT HE CAN DO.
THIS PERSON... PERHAPS HE DOESN'T REALIZE...?

WELL, A GAMBLE WILL BE BORING IF MY VICTORY IS KNOWN BEFOREHAND

THE DEVIL RODEMU FROM THE ABANDONED BUILDING!

SINCE HIKOICHI* DID NOT DESCRIBE THE EVENTS ABOUT ABANDONED BUILDING IN DETAIL, I CAN'T CONFIRM IF MY GUESS IS RIGHT

BUT, CONSIDERING THAT HE IS [redacted] COMPANION, THEN THAT MAN IS PROBABLY

*ALI'S ABOUT THE OTHER DOCTOR. THE ONE CALLED YEIJU

I HEARD THAT HE IS A DEMON, WHO IS KNOWN TO BE THE GREATEST EVIL FOR HIS MURDERS, BUT...

HE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE A MAN OF THAT CALIBER TO ME...

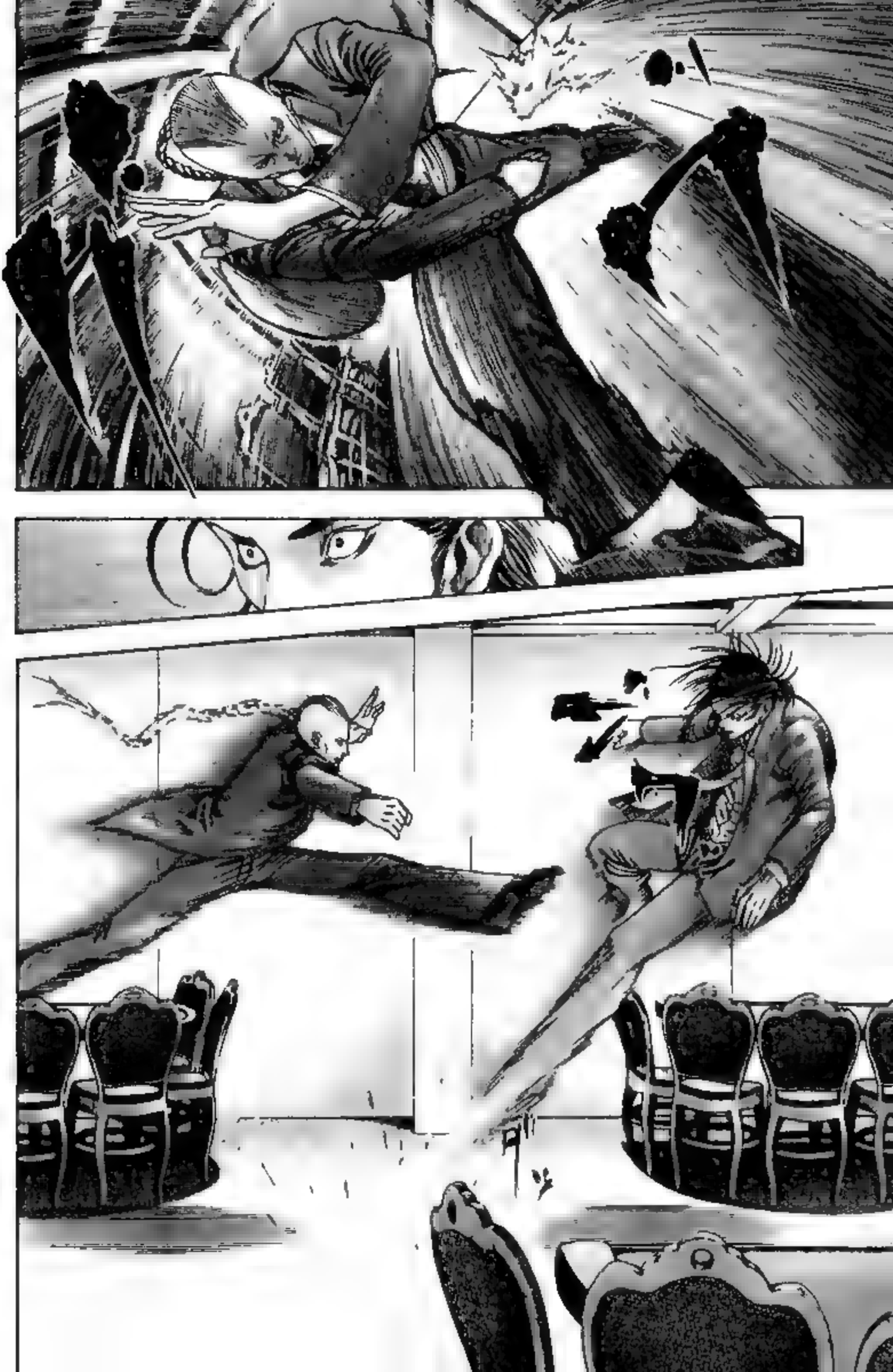
ANYWAY, THIS IS MY CHANCE TO [redacted] MY FEET!

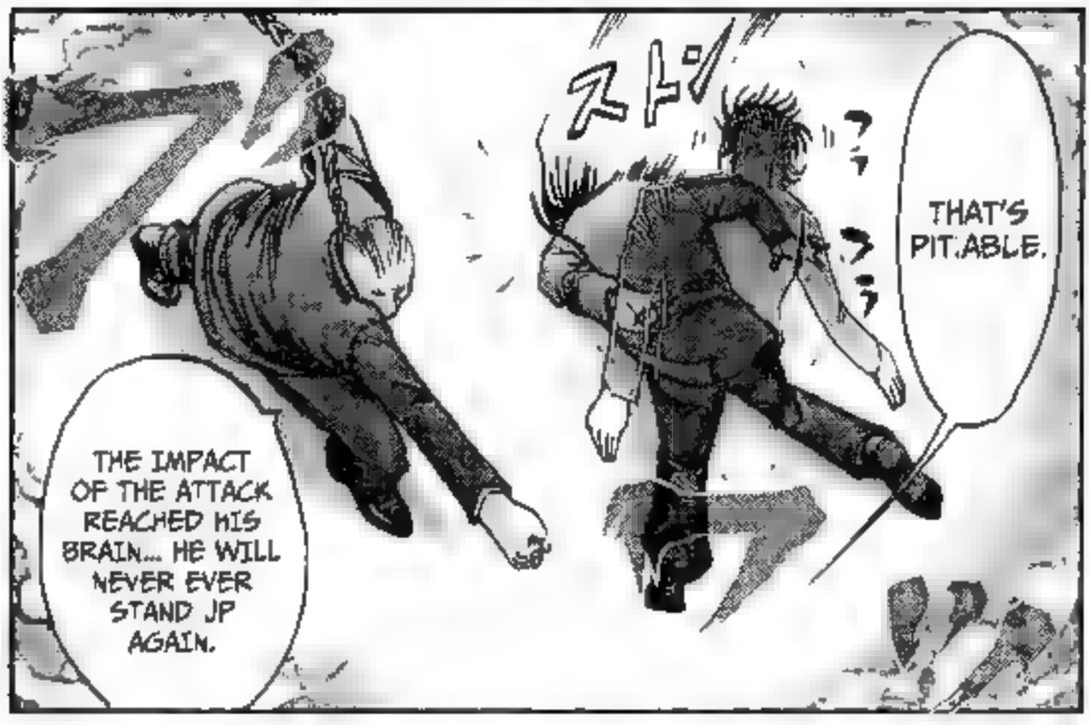
AND, THIS GAME WILL BE FAIRLY ENTERTAINING.

THAT IS... IF LEE WON'T BREAK HIM INTO PIECES!

WHAT'S WRONG?

I HATE IT!
YOU'D BETTER COME AT ME SOON...
WILL YOU WAIT LIKE THAT FOREVER?
B... BULLYING WEAK PEOPLE.
I HATE...
I LIKE IT THOUGH

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THAT'S PIT.ABLE.
THE IMPACT OF THE ATTACK REACHED HIS BRAIN... HE WILL NEVER EVER STAND UP AGAIN.

EH?
M...MARCO

AFTER ALL, HE'D NOT MAKE A WORTHY TOOL FOR KAKEROU.

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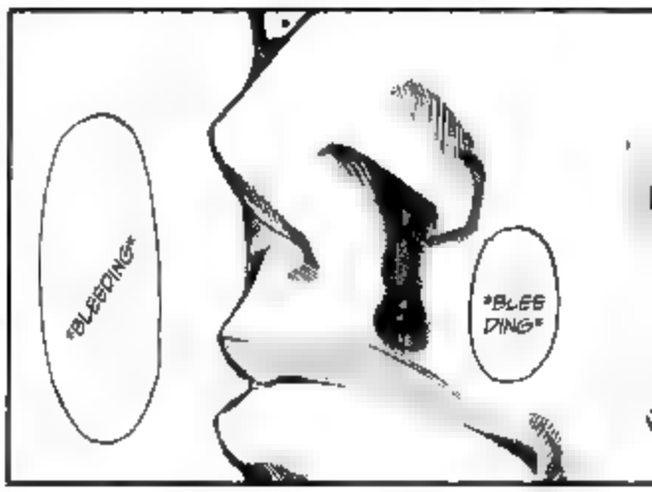
SHIT
"GROW"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"BLEE DING"

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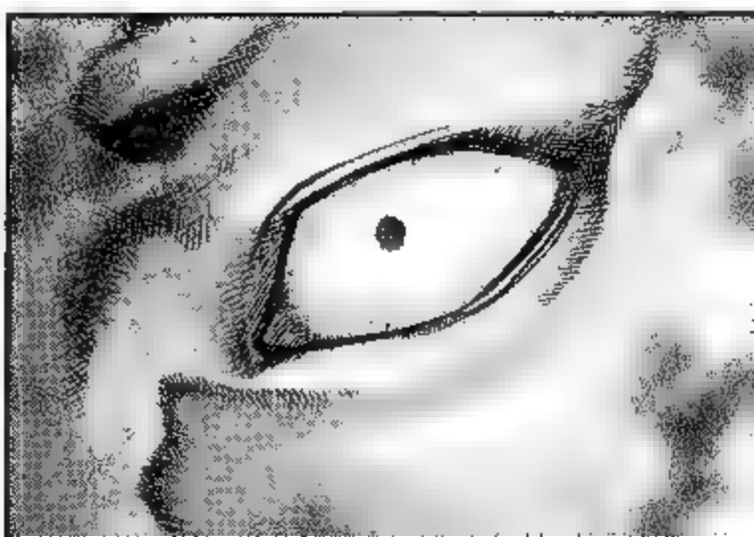

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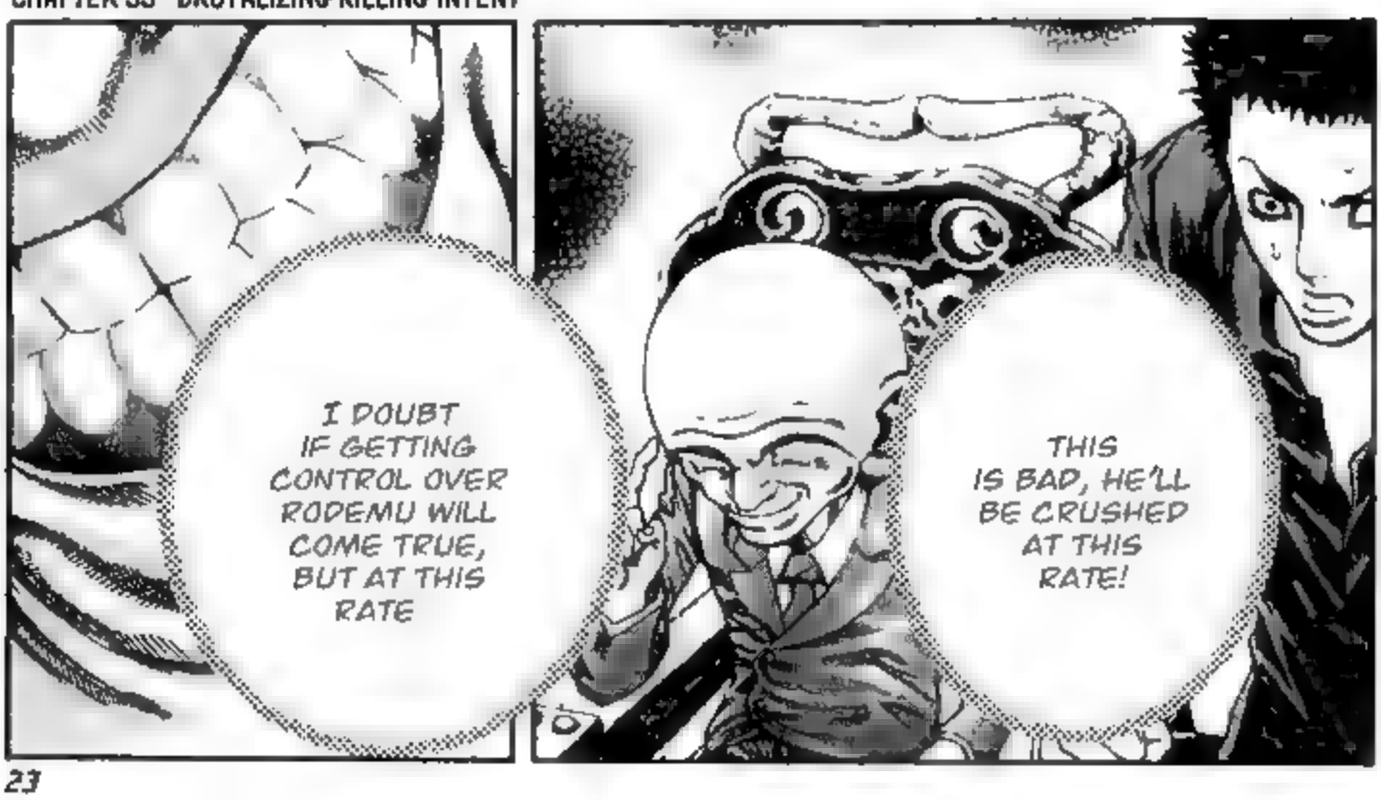
KICK YOUR OPPONENT BEFORE HE TAKES YOU DOWN!

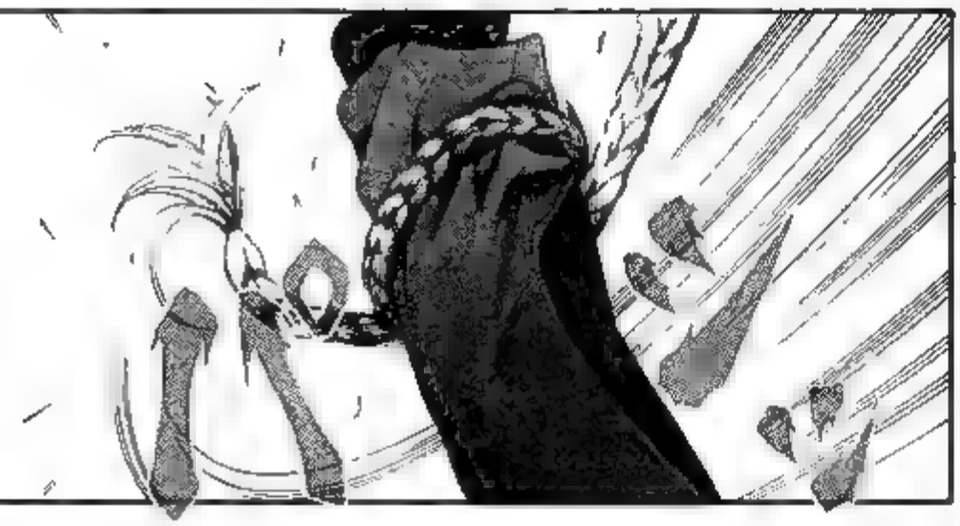
KICK HIM
DOWN!

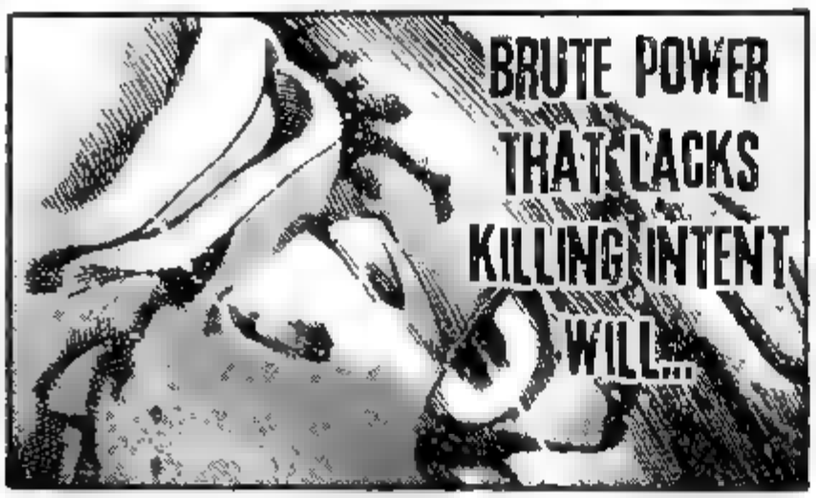
CHAPTER 33 BRUTALIZING KILLING INTENT

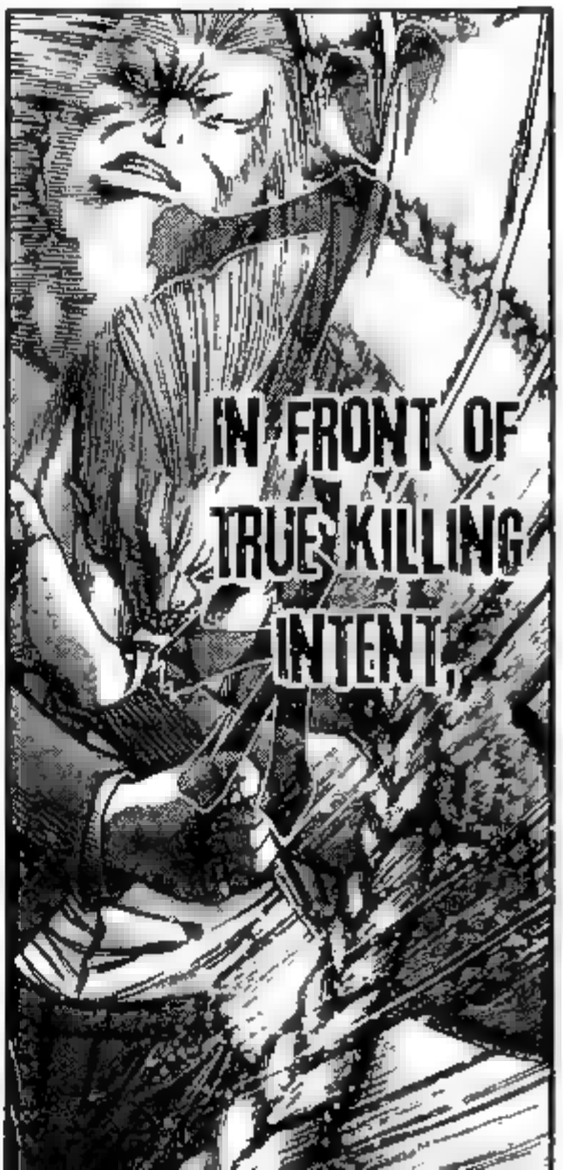


CRUSH HIM!
LEE WILL...
LACKS KILLING INTENT.
HIS PHYSICAL STRENGTH SURPASSES THAT OF ORDINARY HUMANS FOR SURE...
BUT... THAT BRUTAL POWER...

LIKE A THIN SHEET OF PAPER...

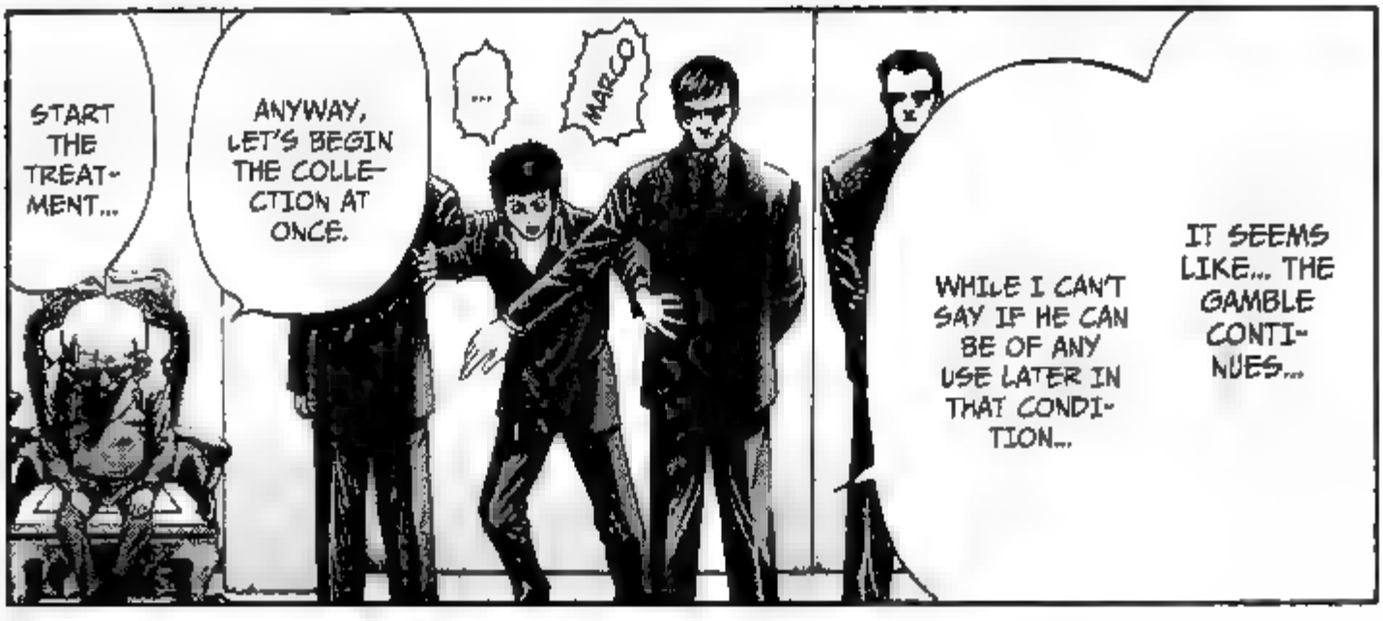






ONLY FLUTTER AROUND LIKE A...
THIN SHEET OF PAPER!

SLAM


START THE TREAT-MENT...
ANYWAY, LET'S BEGIN THE COLLE-CTION AT ONCE.
...
MARCO
WHILE I CAN'T SAY IF HE CAN BE OF ANY USE LATER IN THAT CONDI-TION...
IT SEEMS LIKE... THE GAMBLE CONTI-NUES...

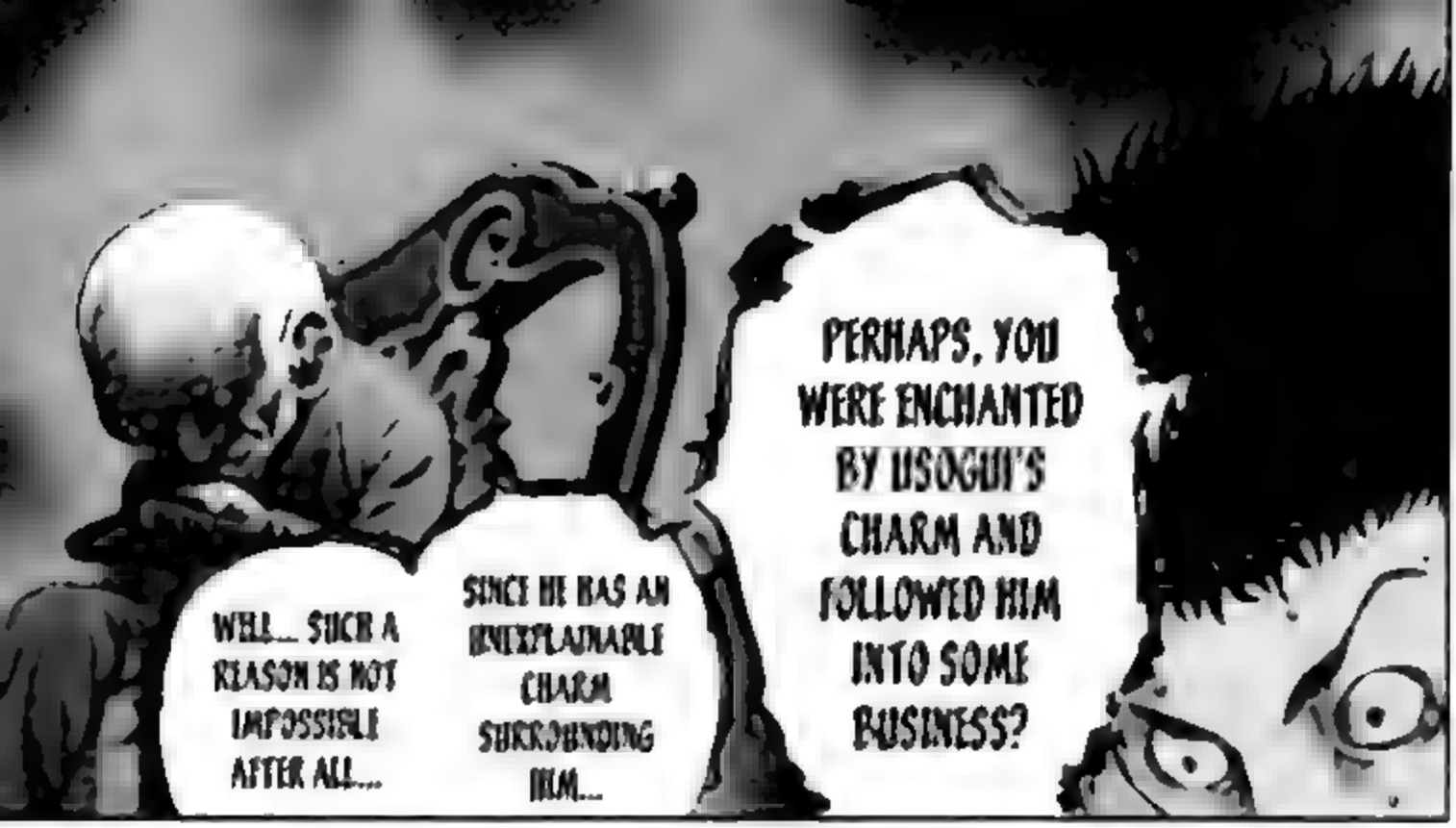
MAR-CO...
M...
THOSE TWO WILL BE CONVERTED TO MONEY AND THE ABANDONED BUILDING'S DEVIL...
ANIKI
A!
HEY LEE, CARRY ON PLEASE...
SECURE THOSE TWO ...I AM THE WINNER OF THIS GAME.

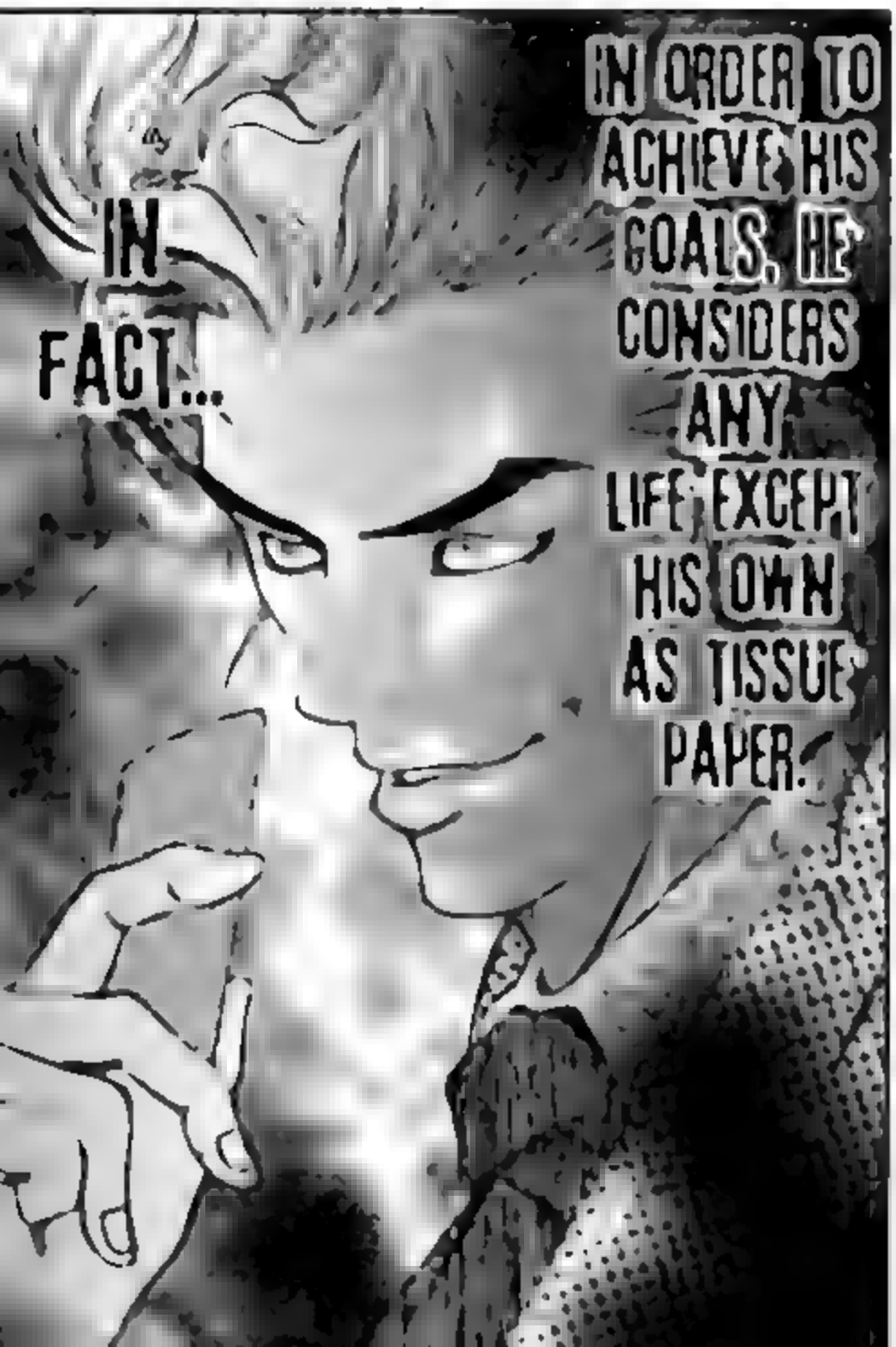
I HOPE THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS... AND KAJI, YOU WILL BE PAID... THE REMAINING 5M FROM SAMEMARU'S LOSS.
RODEMU WILL BE TAKEN BY KAKEROU.

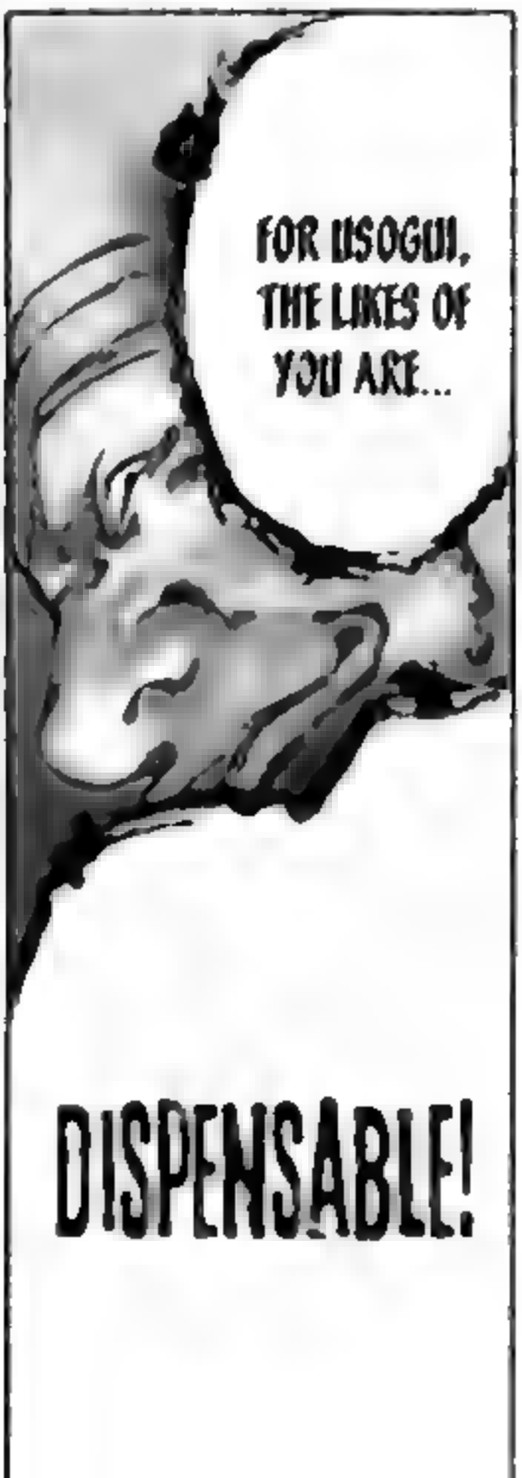
.....
HERE'S YOUR 3M. YOU'D BETTER TAKE IT AND LEAVE
I'M TAKING THE 2M FROM IT, WHICH WAS LENT TO YOU BEFORE THE GAME.

IT'S MY FAULT! I SHOULD HAVE STOPPED MARCO .
W WHY? WHY DID THINGS TURN OUT LIKE THIS...
THIS IS THE RESULT OF BEING ENTRANCED BY USOGUI.

MARCO ...
.....
EEK!
EEH?

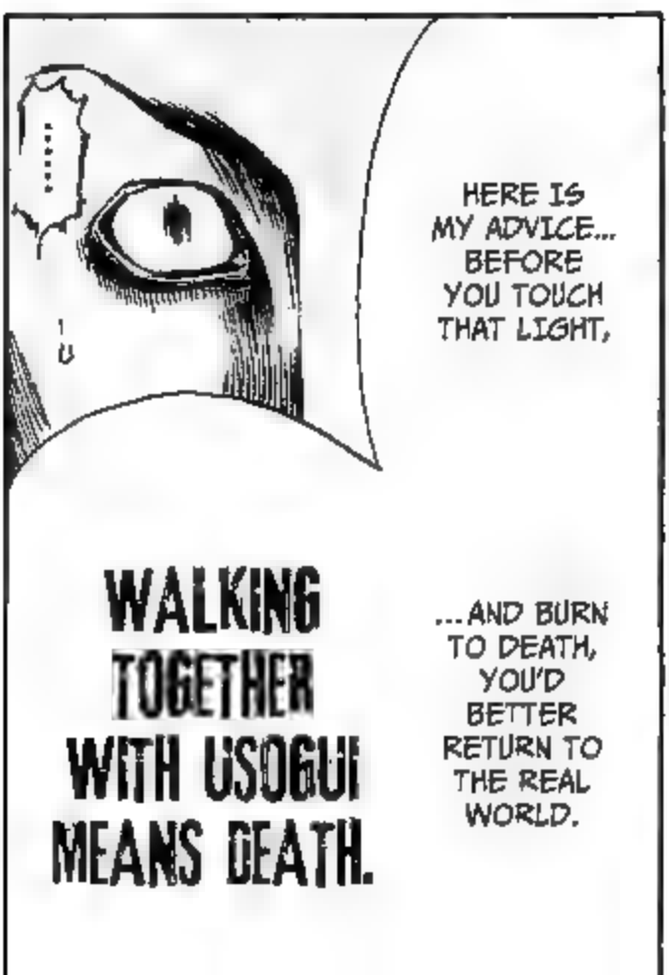

PERHAPS, YOU WERE ENCHANTED BY USOGUI'S CHARM AND FOLLOWED HIM INTO SOME BUSINESS?
SINCE HE HAS AN UNEXPLAINABLE CHARM SURROUNDING HIM...
WELL... SUCH A REASON IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE AFTER ALL...


IN FACT...
IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE HIS GOALS, HE CONSIDERS ANY LIFE EXCEPT HIS OWN AS TISSUE PAPER.


FOR USOGUI, THE LIKES OF YOU ARE...
DISPENSABLE!

HE SACRIFICED ONE OF HIS COMRADE'S LIFE TO SAVE HIMSELF...
DURING A KAKEROU GAMBLE...

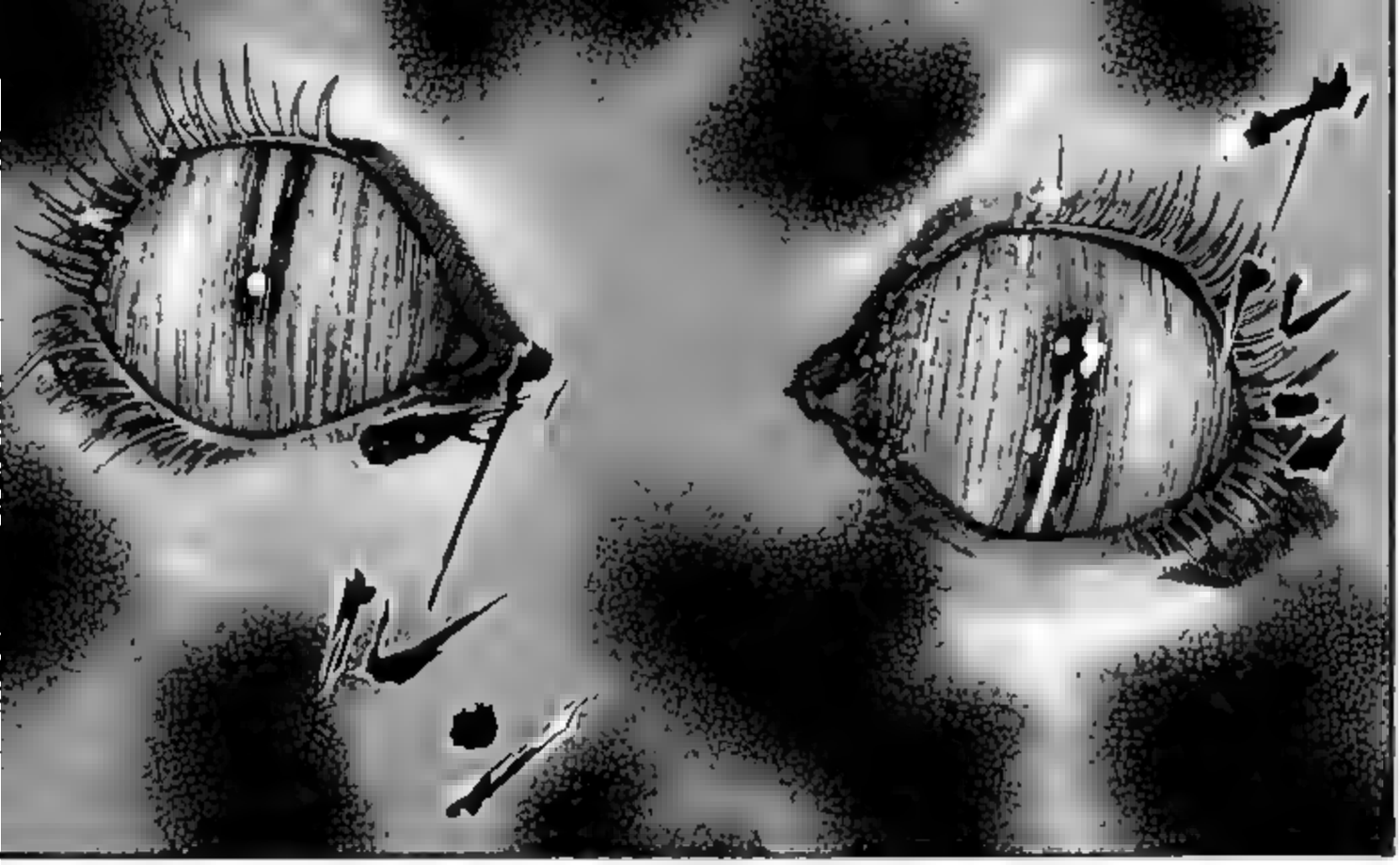
MOTH, WHICH FLIES AROUND IT.
ATTRACTS A...
AN ALLURING LIGHT...

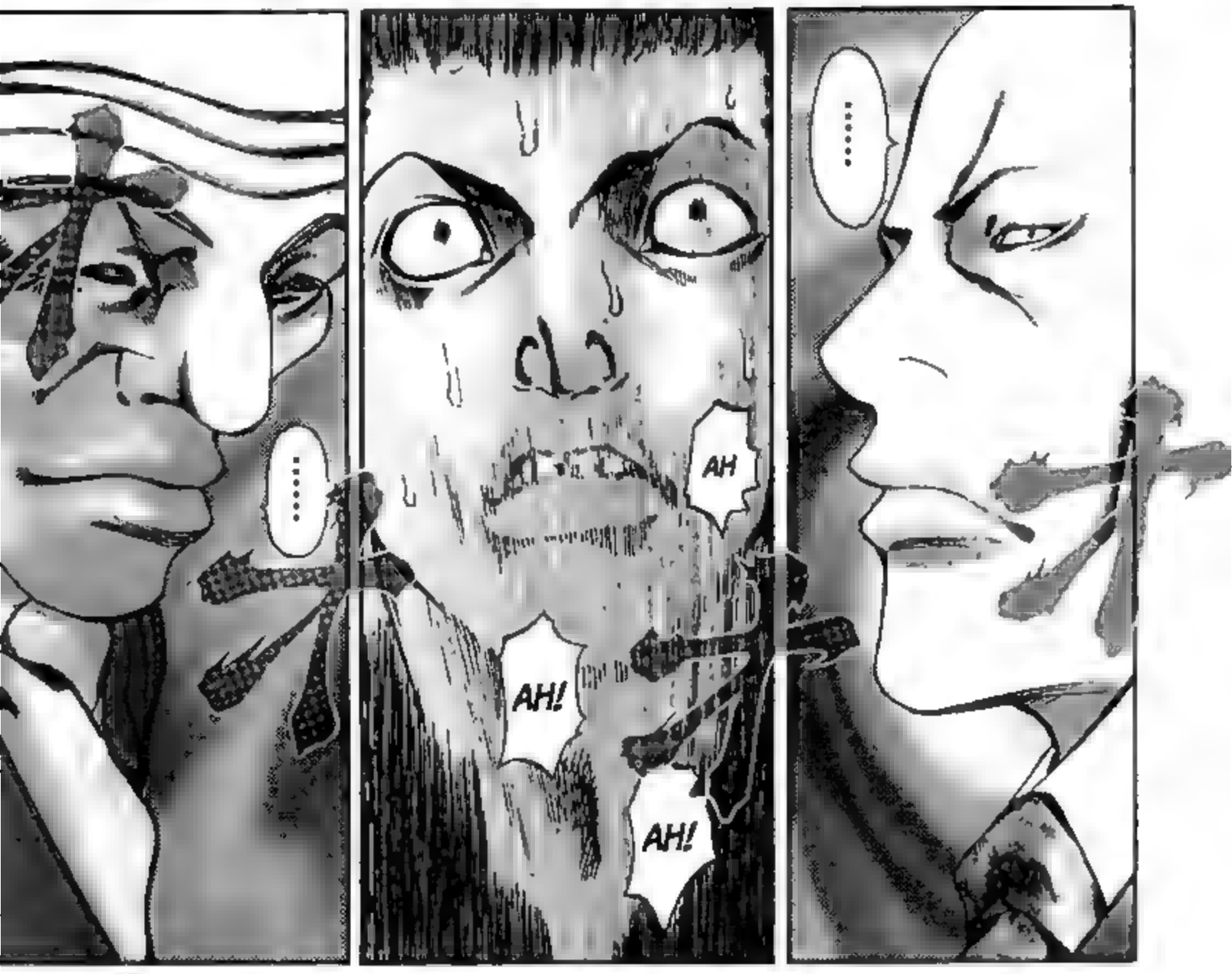

.....
HERE IS MY ADVICE... BEFORE YOU TOUCH THAT LIGHT,
WALKING TOGETHER WITH USOGUI MEANS DEATH.
...AND BURN TO DEATH, YOU'D BETTER RETURN TO THE REAL WORLD.

BUT THOSE ARE ITS LAST MOMENTS.

HE IS A DEATH GOD THAT PUTS HUMANS INTO AN ENDLESS CONFUSION...
AND GUIDES THEM TO THEIR DESTRUCTION!

!
!
SNAP
Ah!
Ah!
Ah!

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AH!
AH!
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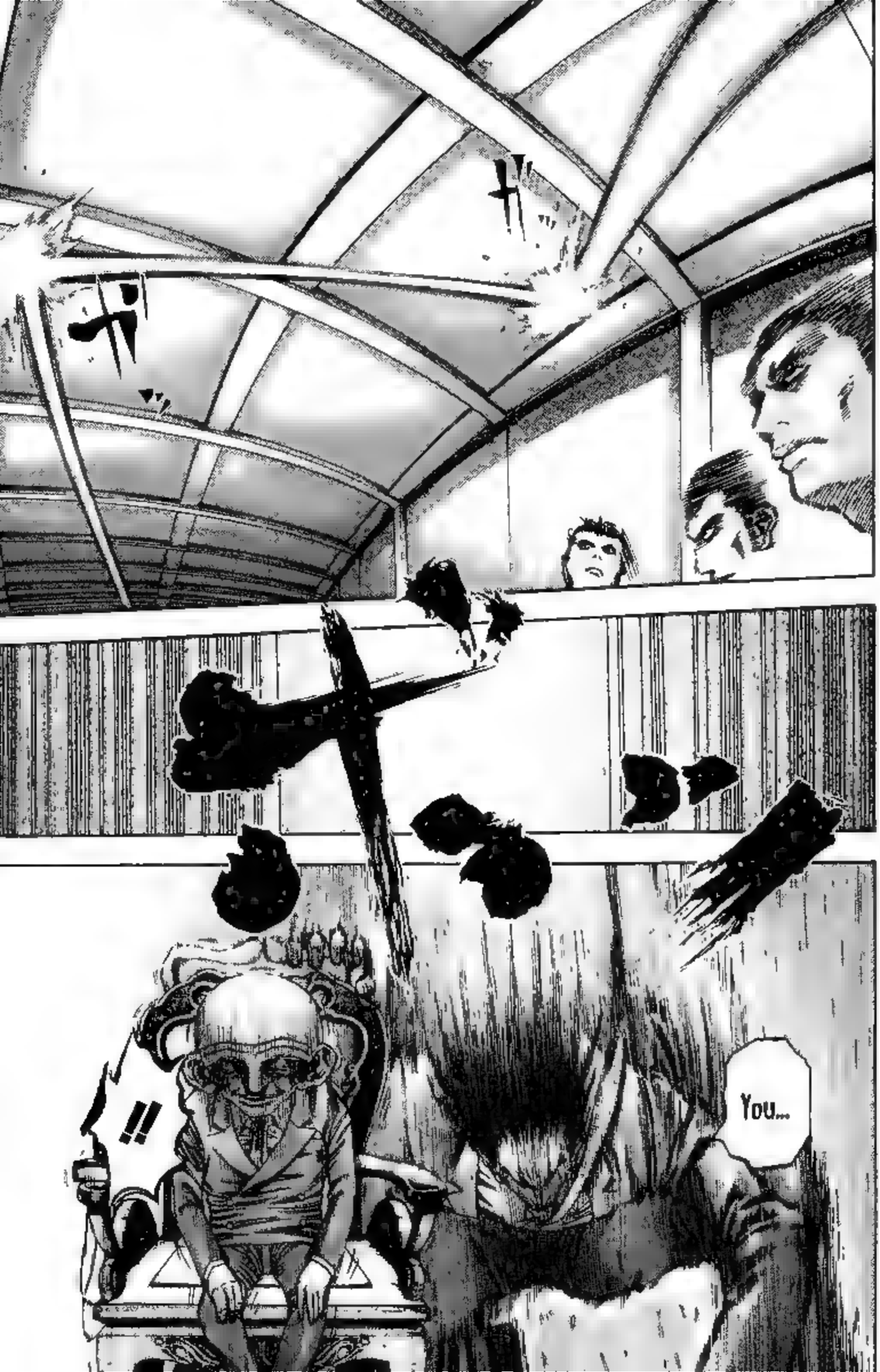
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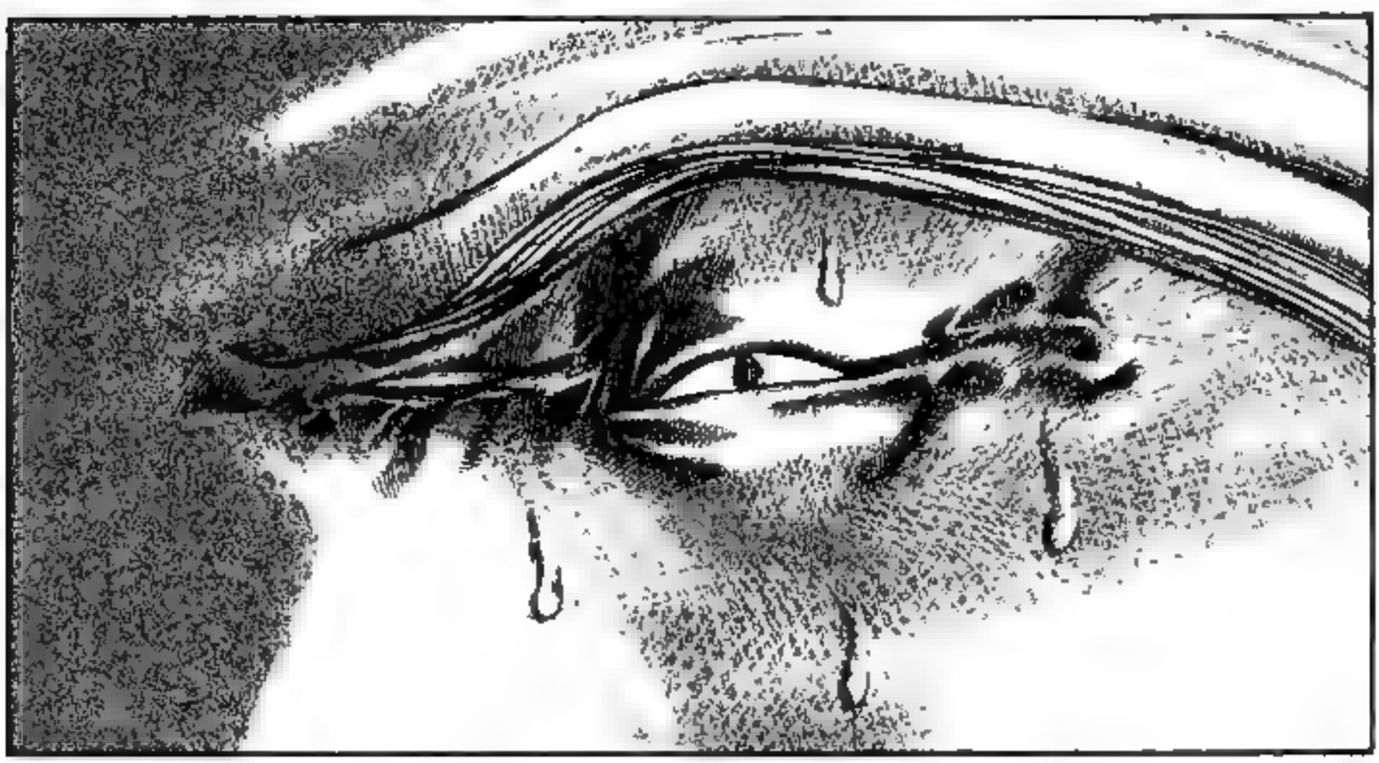
You...

I hate...
You!

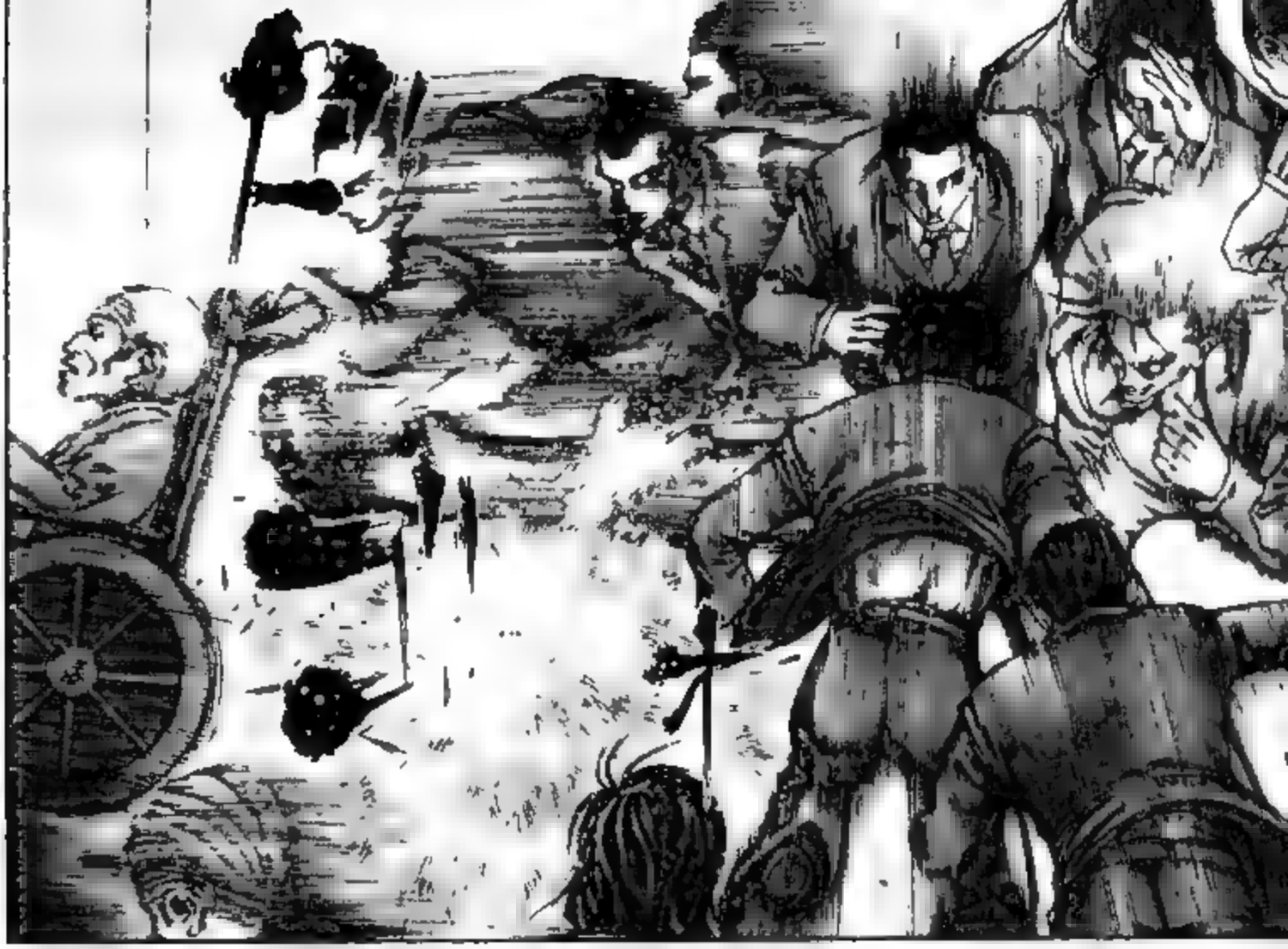


CHAPTER 34:
THE RAGING DEMON IS BACK!
EVERYONE, BREAK INTO THE ROOM.
BREAK IN!
.....
GUARD THE REFEREE AND... AND NEUTRALIZE THE OPPONENT.

CHAPTER 34:
THE RAGING DEMON IS BACK!

.. HE CHANGES.
I... REMEMBER NOW. WHEN HE'S STABBED BY A SYRINGE. .
HE'LL NO LONGER BE MARCO ...HE'LL CHANGE.

HIS KILLING INTENT...!
SUCH A SUDDEN CHANGE... AS IF, IT DRAWS OUT...
WHAT'S THIS...?



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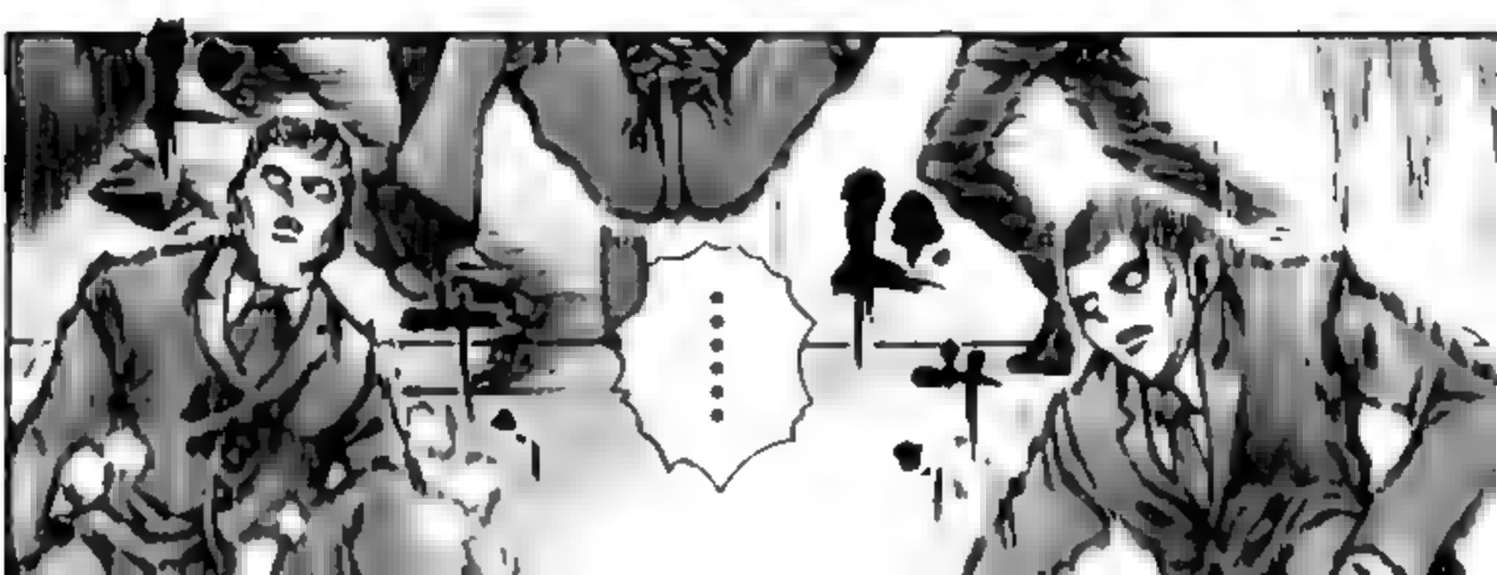


YOU BAS- TARD...

DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE...

DOING...

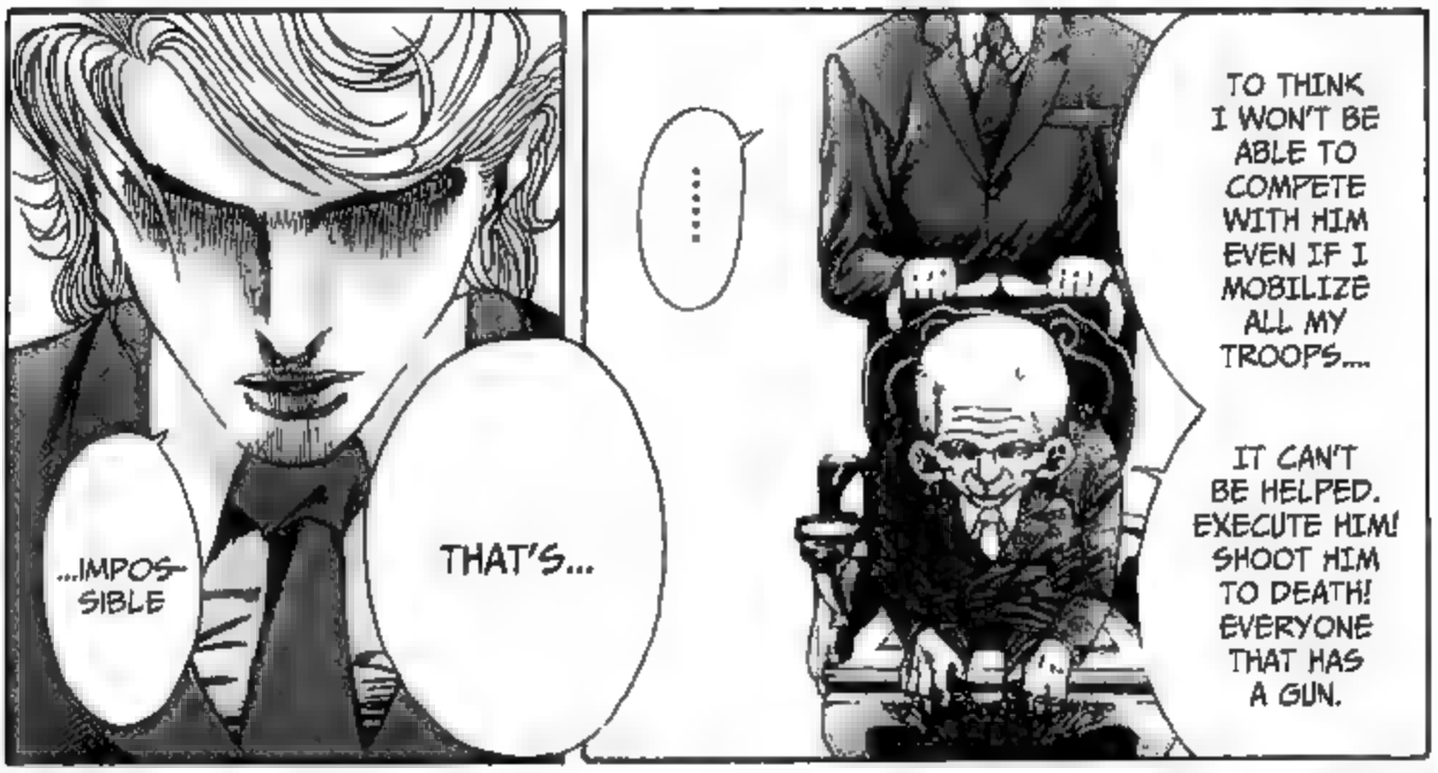
I...
CAN...
KILL
I
CAN
...
A
LOT
...
I
WANT
TO
KILL
!!!
YOU
CURSED...
I...
THIS...

DEVIL!

JUST WHAT THE HELL... IS THIS?!
WHAT IS THIS?!
WHAT IS THIS CHAOTIC BRUTE STRENGHT!!

...GET SUCH A TYRANT ON HIS HANDS !?
IT CAN'T BE HAPPE-NING!!
HOW IN THE WORLD COULD USOGUI...

SUCH BRUTE STRENGTH SHOULD NOT EXIST ANYWHERE OUTSIDE KAKEROU!!
THINGS LIKE SUBJUGATING A REFEREE THROUGH BRUTE FORCE...


TO THINK I WON'T BE ABLE TO COMPETE WITH HIM EVEN IF I MOBILIZE ALL MY TROOPS....
IT CAN'T BE HELPED. EXECUTE HIM! SHOOT HIM TO DEATH! EVERYONE THAT HAS A GUN.
.....
THAT'S...
...IMPOS-SIBLE

DON'T TURN YOUR FACE THIS WAY...
STAY AS YOU ARE.
WHAT?
.....?

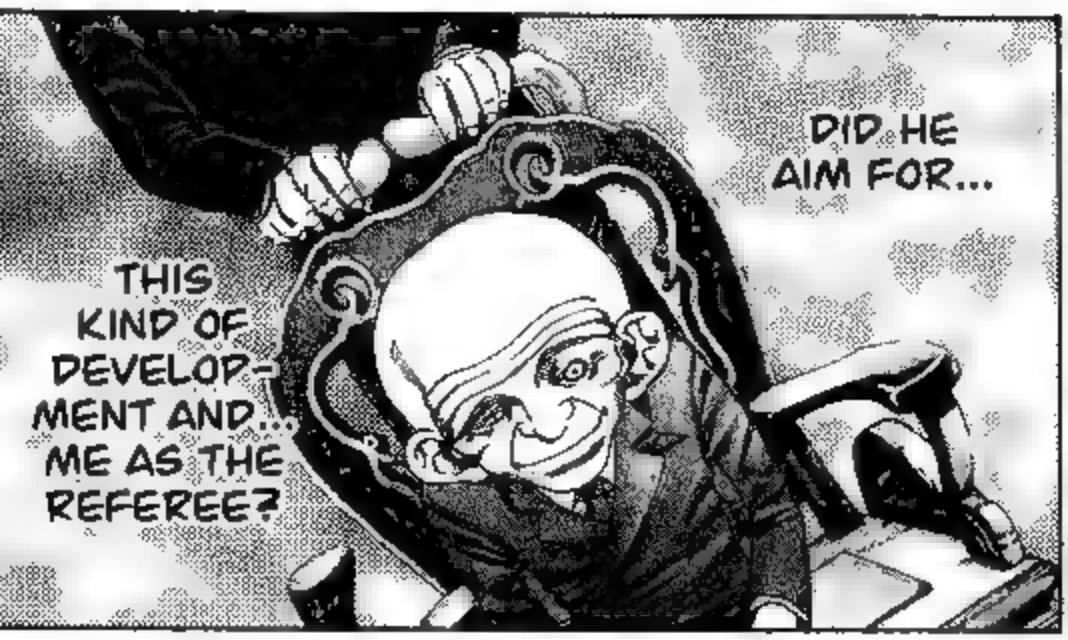
AS AN EXCHANGE FOR ALL THE SACRIFICES DURING THIS TRAGIC EVENT...
BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE CONFUSION, I MADE EVERY PERSON WHO HAD ANY KIND OF GUN...
...TO LOSE MOBILE CONNECTI-VITY. NOW THERE IS NO ONE BUT ME, WHO CAN STOP RODEMU.
.....
...IN OTHER WORDS, I ALREADY HAVE THE RIGHT TO DECIDE!!
THE RULES ARE DECIDED BY A SUPE-RIOR...

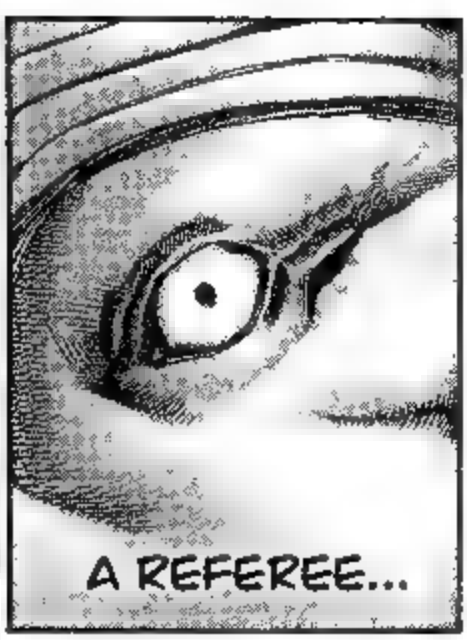
REF-
EREE
—
...NOVA
WILL...

...BE MY SHOGI PIECE THAT I CAN MOVE AROUND!

USOGUI....
H...
HE IS.... THIS VOICE BELONGS TO...
.....

第35話
革命家、現る!!
CHAPTER 35:
REVOLUSIONIST APPEARS
SEE YOU HERE TODAY! THAT'S HOW I FEEL... REALLY.
I AM VERY HAPPY TO...
NOWA-SAN! RATHER THAN A STUBBORN REFEREE, WHO WOULD REFUSE TO LEND MONEY,
NO NO, IF MR. YAKOU AND REFEREE SAIKO-SAN WERE HERE, THEN YOU WOULD LOSE YOUR CHARM.
...I WONDER IF I SHOULD REQUEST SUPPORT?


DID HE AIM FOR...
THIS KIND OF DEVELOP-MENT AND... ME AS THE REFEREE?


A REFEREE...

CHAPTER 35:
REVOLUSIONIST APPEARS
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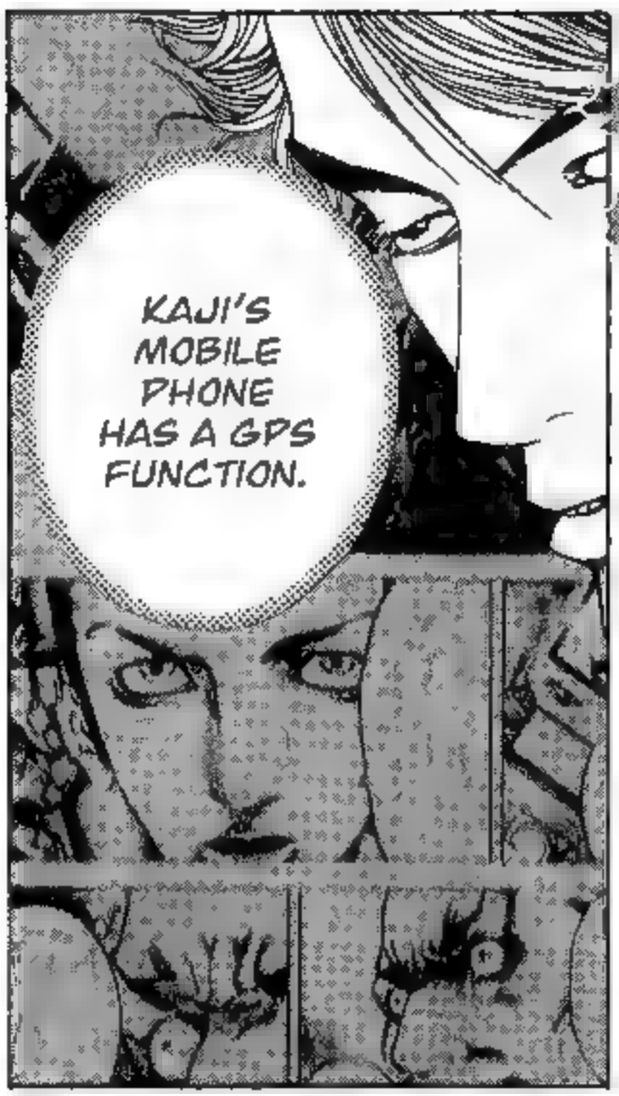
WHETHER MY REQUEST IS ACCEPTED OR REJECTED... THAT'S UP TO NOWA-SAN...
AS MY VOICE IS HEARD, CURTAINS SHOULD BE BROUGHT DOWN ON THIS SHOW...
THEN ...
BUT, PLEASE LEAVE BEFORE YOU BECOME A VICTIM.
I DON'T WANT ANY CASUALTIES EITHER...

B.. BAKU-SAN... WHEN DID YOU?!!!
!!
...

USOGUI. YOU...
ANYWAY
DID YOU SAY THAT YOU DON'T WANT TO SEE CASUALTIES? THAT'S SO OUT OF CHARACTER...

AS YOUR BAIT, RIGHT?
AND YOU MANIP-ULATED THOSE TWO OVER THERE
THIS SITUATION... YOU CALCULATED THAT THINGS WOULD LEAD TO THIS.


KAJI'S MOBILE PHONE HAS A GPS FUNCTION.

THE PROBABILITY OF KAJI CALLING REFEREES WAS WITHIN MY AS-SUMPTIONS
AND I CONCLUDE THAT NOWA-SAN'S NATURE LEAD TO THIS SITUATION.
...

...AND WHEN MEN IN BLACK APPEARED AT THE LOCATION WHERE THE SIGNAL ORIGINATED, I CONCLUDED THAT KAJI-CHAN WAS HERE.
ES-PECIALLY WHEN THESE PER-SISTENT ONES
...SEEM TO CHANGE THEIR FACIAL EXPRESSIONS, GET ENTANGLED IN THE MIDDLE AND TRY TO BREAK IN.

ACTUALLY I ACTED A BIT CHILDISH AND I WONDER IF I WENT OVERBROAD... BUT STILL...
YOUR RE-QUEST
...TO TAKE ME FOR A RIDE, ISN'T IT ALSO A BIT UNCALLED FOR?

.....

I... JUST WANT YOU TO ARRANGE THINGS.
IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THAT.

SAYING THAT I'D RIDE LIKE A HORSE WAS INDEED AN EXAG-GERATION
I SIMPLY WANTED NOWA-SAN TO AGREE...
AND ARRANGE A GAME BETWEEN ME AND THE KAKEROU MEMBER WHO SEEMS TO BECOME A WINNER AT HIS OWN DISCRETION.

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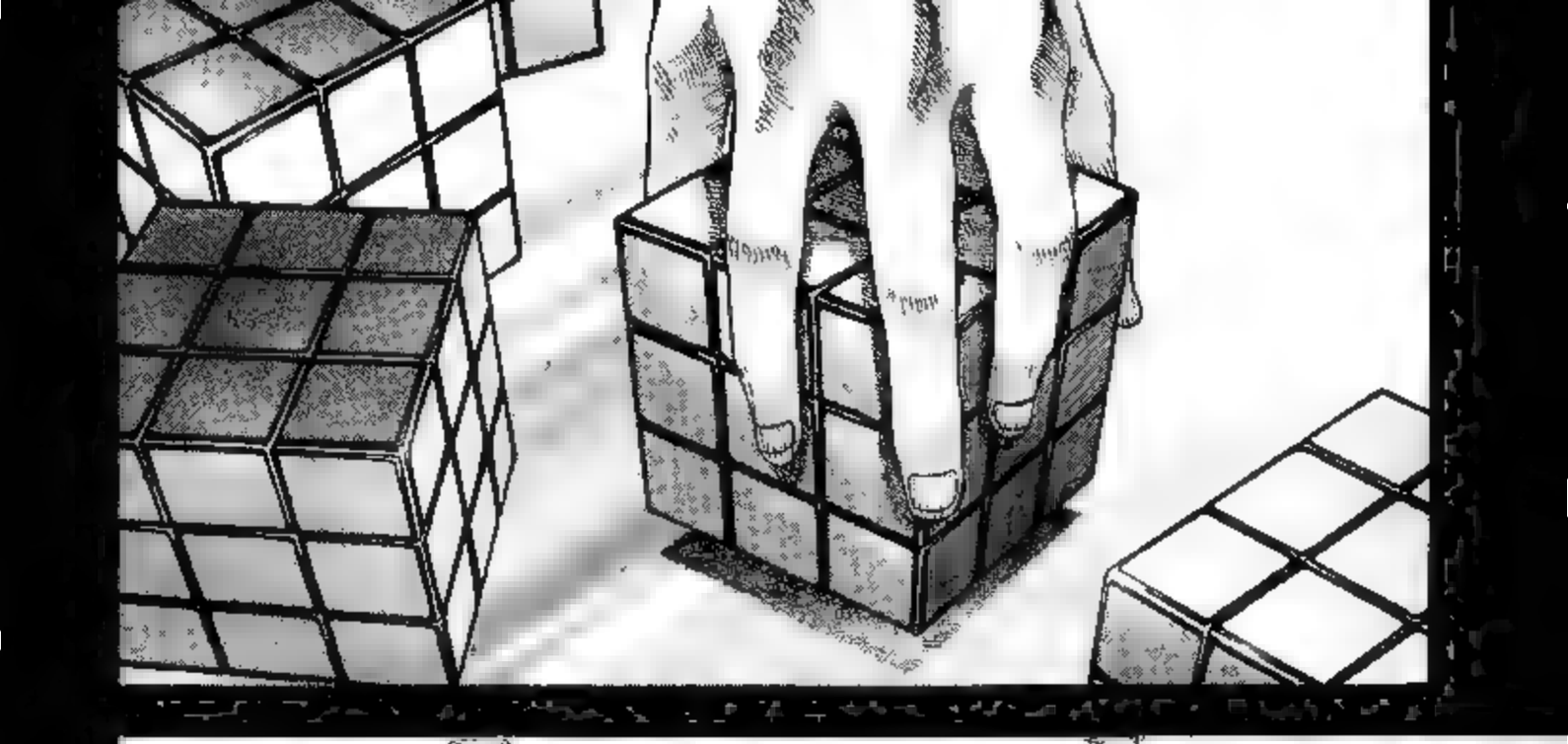
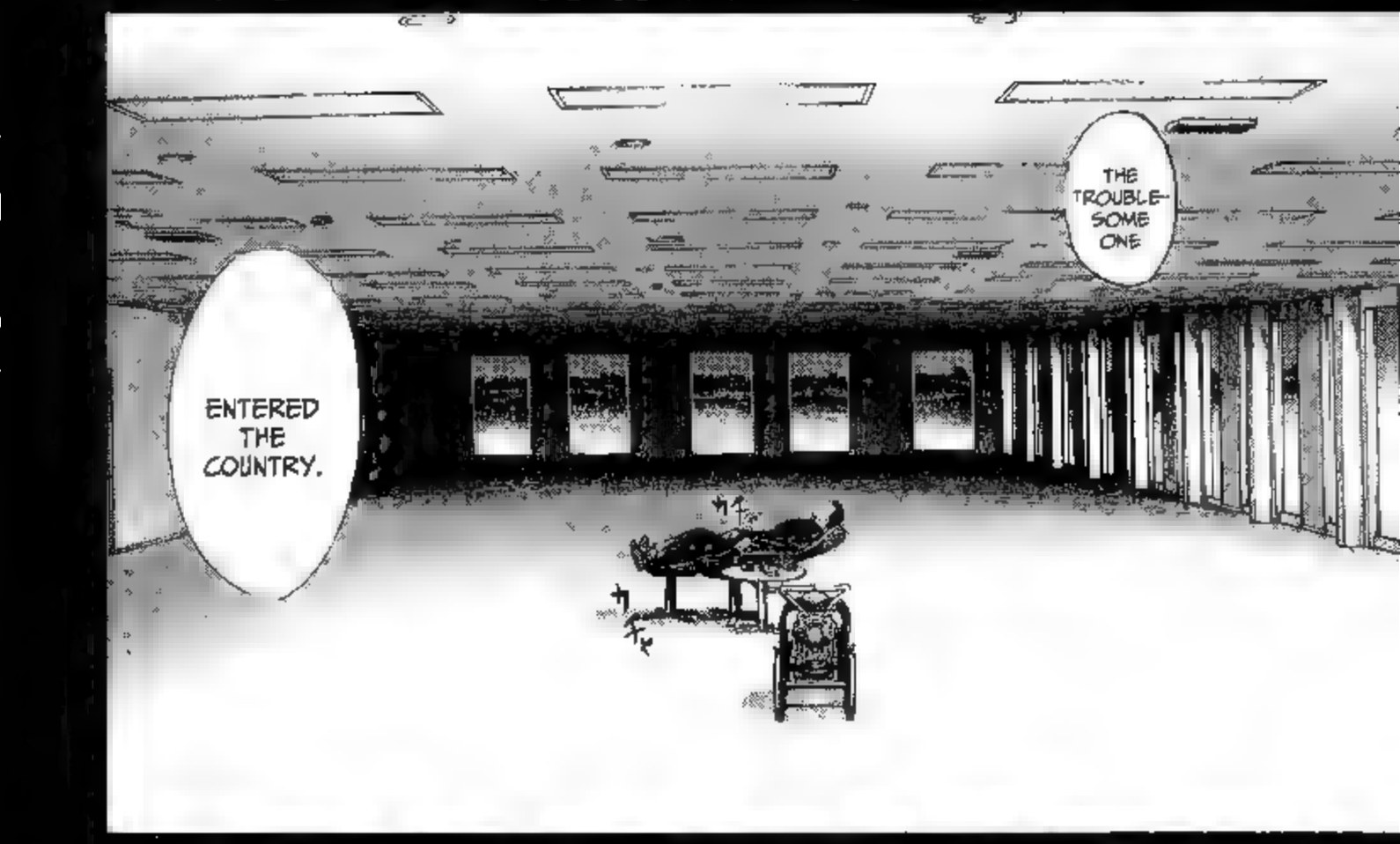
NOVA, LISTEN...




THE TROUBLE-SOME ONE
ENTERED THE COUNTRY.

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THE REVOLUTIONIST THAT JOINED AS A MEMBER
TWO YEARS AGO... SADAKUNI IKKI
KA-CHACK
KA-CHAK

SADAKUNI
THAT MAN HAS BEEN A LITTLE RADICAL SINCE THE TIMES HE WAS IN JAPAN.
I HEARD THAT HE WAS INVOLVED IN EXTREMIST ACTIVITIES AS SOON AS HE IMMIGRATED TO THE NORTH.
NOWA...
THAT GUY, WHO WAS FROM A REAL REVOLUTIONIST GROUP RECEIVES ATTENTION AS A TERRORIST EVEN TODAY.
AND HIS TERROR SIMPLY INVOLVES USING VIOLENCE TO SPREAD FEAR FOR POLITICAL AIMS. HAVING ONE'S WAY THROUGH VIOLENCE IS...
NO, IT'S RATHER...
AN ANIMAL LIKE CHARACTERISTIC.
IT'S TRULY A HUMAN-LIKE BEHAVIOR!

SADAKUNI BECAME A MEMBER TO PARTICIPATE IN TERRORIST ACTIVITIES
HE SAPPED MANY MEMBERS PENNILESS IN A VERY SHORT TIME.
AND THE GOAL WAS NOTHING BUT MONEY!
THIS IS TRULY DISTRESSING.
ALL 5 MEMBERS THAT COMPETED AGAINST HIM LOST ALL THEIR FORTUNE
AND THE LIVES OF TWO OF THEM WAS USED AS SUBSTITUTE FOR MONEY.
EVEN REFEREES COULDN'T DECIPHER SADAKUNI'S FORMULA FOR VICTORY
IT'S AS IF THIS GUY IS UNDER DIVINE POSSESSION! EVEN THE OTHER MEMBERS PREFER TO KEEP THEIR DISTANCE FROM HIM.

.....
I DON'T THINK ANY MEMBER WOULD GAMBLE WITH HIM... BUT, IF SUCH A CHANCE APPEARS...
THEN, NOVA... YOU'LL MAKE SURE TO... SEE THROUGH THE SCOPE OF HIS POWER... SOONER OR LATER, HE'LL ENTER THE MANSION PASS CHALLENGE.

THAT'S STUPID...
A REFEREE'S DIGNITY?
I CAN'T KEEP MY REPUTATION?
I GET IT USOGUI
I ONLY...
WANT TO SEE...
I FEEL LIKE FOLLOWING YOUR FORECASTS...
A FIGHT WHERE WISDOM AND VIOLENCE TRULY CLUB TOGETHER

I WANT TO SEE A GAMBLE...
THAT MAKES MY HEART RACE WITH EXCITEMENT!

MISCHIEVOUS IN YOUR MIND.
HEH... HEHEHE.... FOR SOME REASON YOU LOOK LIKE YOU HAVE SOMETHING...

AWW...
HEHE... IS IT BECAUSE OF MY REPLY TAKING? HEHE HEHE...
NOT AS MUCH AS YOURS!

MAGO-ROKU
WHERE ARE... THEY?
.....
ANIKI!!
A-ANIKI!!
BLINK
HAAH

SAVED?
ARE WE...
FARE-WELL, MA-KUN

MAGO-ROKU, THE TWO OF US WILL...
.....
MAKE A FRESH START FROM THE VERY BEGINNING!

WHAT IS IT? WHAT HAPPENED? IT'S SOMEHOW NOISY.
HE ALREADY RIPPED 50 MILLION FROM US.
ONE TROUBLE-SOME GUY APPEARED.
MA'AM

MAYBE I SHOULD PLAY A LITTLE TO KILL SOMETIME ...
HMMM

第36話 女の勘

#36 Women's intuition

WHAT KIND OF A PERSON IS THAT CUSTOMER?
AND...

Kurama Ranko of the Kurama group. Owner of "Casino Clara"

HMM...
BUT, THE REGULAR CUSTOMER UNFORTUNATELY LEFT EARLY.
MA'AM
HE IS A FIRST TIME CUSTOMER BUT HE WAS ACCO-MPANIED BY A REGULAR, SO I ALLOWED HIM INSIDE.
...STINKS.
SOME-THING...
CCC

レイ
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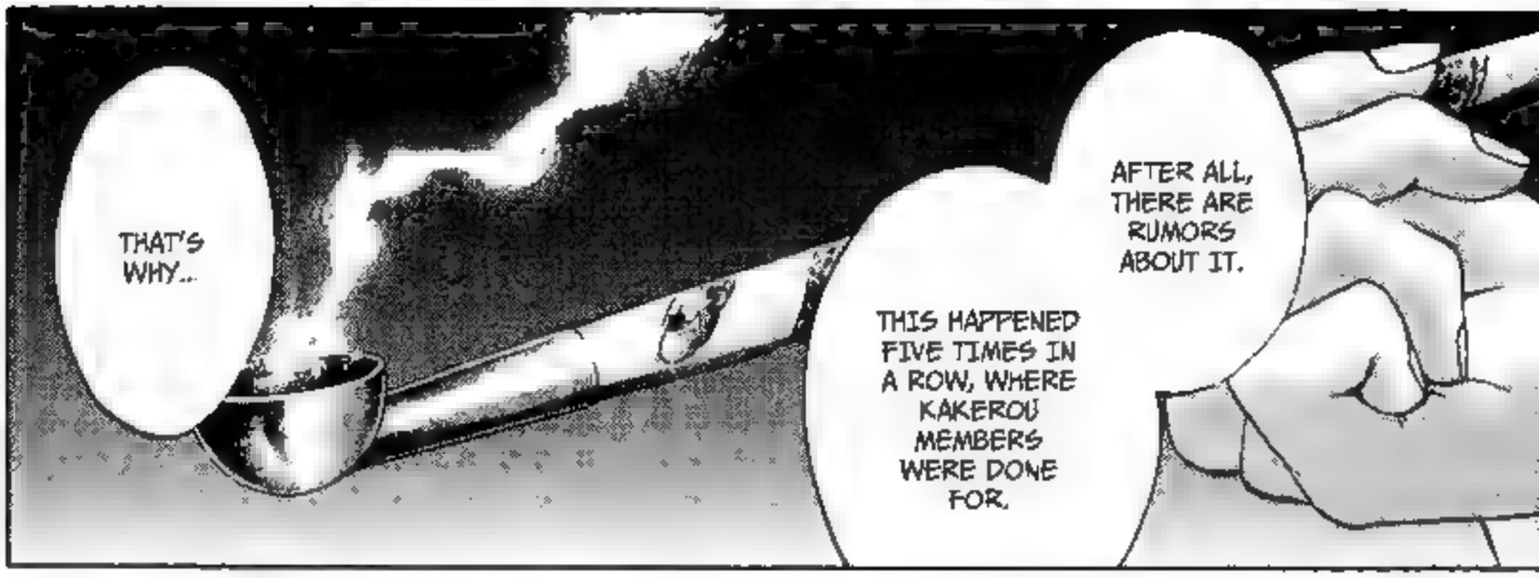
HE IS NOT... ALONE!
.....
THIS ONE
THIS ONE.
AND . THOSE TWO
THEY ARE NOT FROM THE SAME KIND AS US. WE, THE PROFLIGATE ONES ARE CONSIDERED UNUSUAL
IT IS ESSENTIAL TO MAKE USE OF VIOLENCE
WITHOUT SPREADING ITS EFFECTS . THIS CASE HAS THAT DANGEROUS SMELL
IN OTHER WORDS .. IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT ANY WEAPONS


THAT'S WHY..
AFTER ALL, THERE ARE RUMORS ABOUT IT.
THIS HAPPENED FIVE TIMES IN A ROW, WHERE KAKEROU MEMBERS WERE DONE FOR.

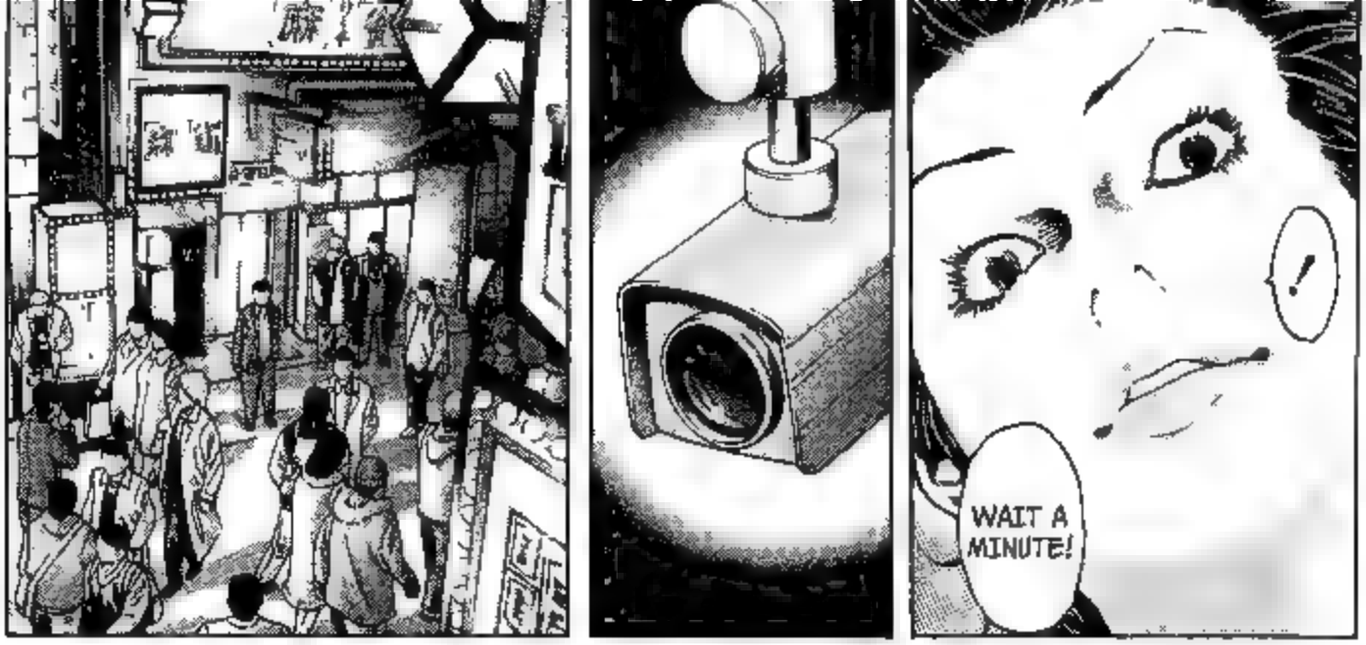
I can't keep my optimism.
LEO,
I THINK YOU NOTICED IT AS WELL.
...

IF THEY ARE UNARMED, PERHAPS I HAVE 50% CHANCE.
BUT, IT DOESN'T SEEM PROBABLE, IF THEY HAVE WEAPONS.

IF THE TIME COMES...WILL YOU BE ABLE HOLD THOSE FOUR GUYS DOWN?
.....

IT IS NOT ADVISED TO TAKE RISKS RECKLESSLY, WHEN OPPONENT'S INTENTIONS ARE UNKNOWN.
IT IS HIGHLY PROBABLE THAT THEY'LL SHOW THEIR STRENGTH THROUGH VIOLENCE BEFORE THE GAMBLE
IT'D BE VERY GOOD, IF THIS IS TURNED INTO A KAKEROU GAMBLE
WE ARE ALMOST UNARMED, AND WE ALSO DON'T STORE ANY WEAPONS HERE.

T/N: THE 36 ANCIENT CHINESE MILITARY STRATEGIES OF WHICH THE LAST RESORT WAS SAID TO BE BEATING A RETREAT


WAIT A MINUTE!
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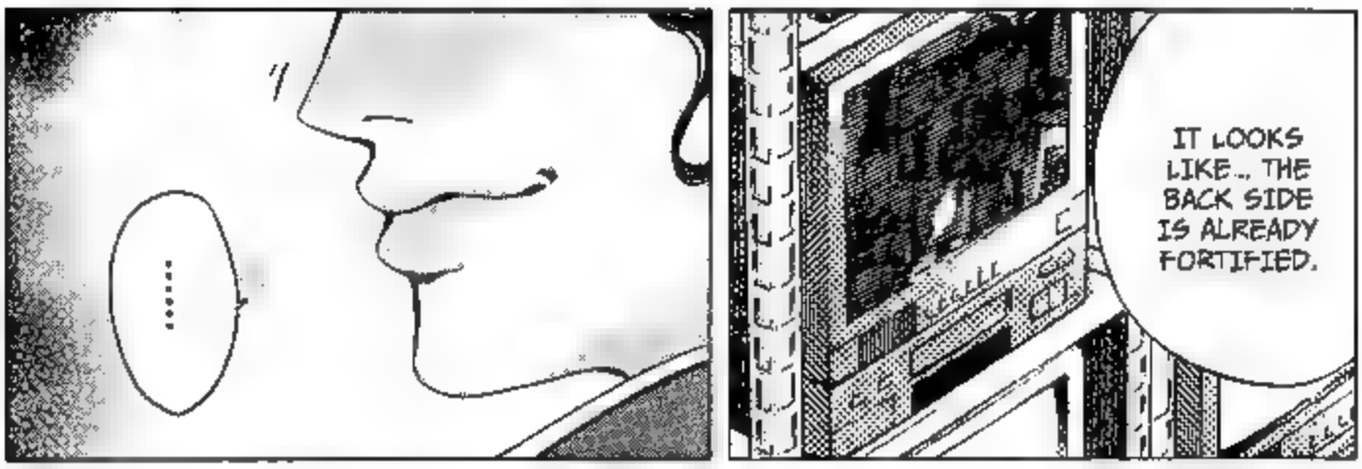
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IT LOOKS LIKE.. THE BACK SIDE IS ALREADY FORTIFIED.

DON'T EVER THINK THAT I AM LIKE THE PROF-LIGATES, WHO PLAY HERE!
DAMN BRAT!
YOU UNDER-ESTIMATED ME,

USE YOUR YOUTH TO THE FULLEST!
BRING IT ON!
I'M GONNA TEACH YOU WHAT IT MEANS MESSING WITH KURAMA RANKO!

YES... SIR?
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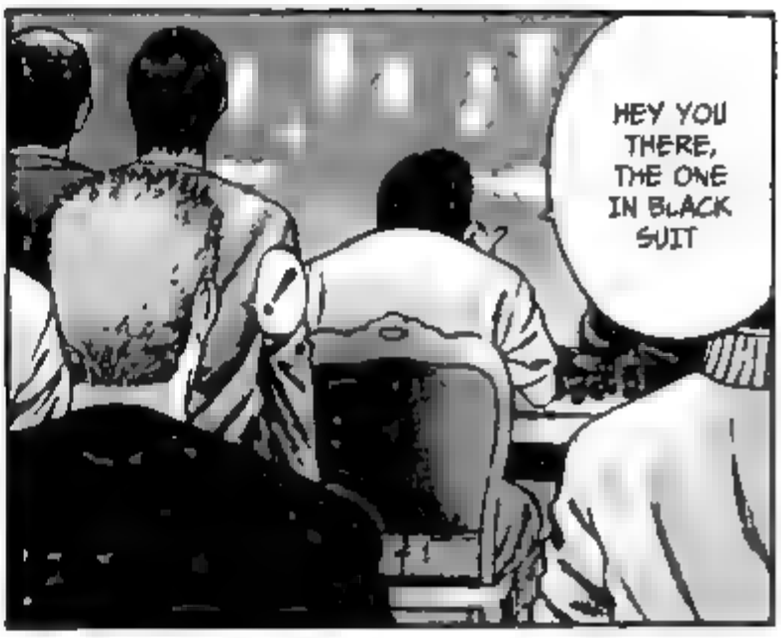
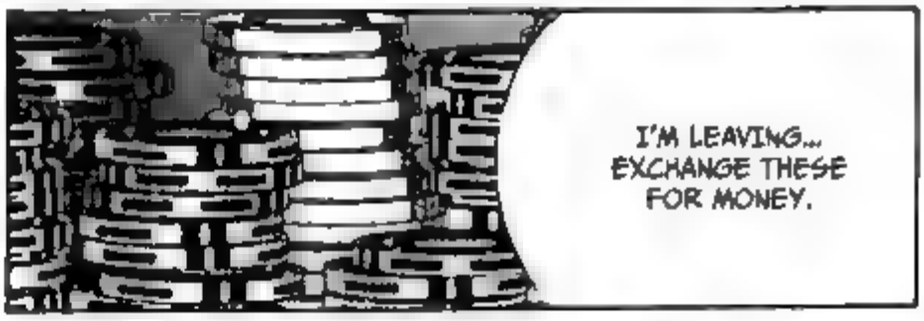

HEY YOU THERE, THE ONE IN BLACK SUIT

HUM?


I'M LEAVING... EXCHANGE THESE FOR MONEY.

EH?

DO IT QUICKLY
AND BEFORE I CHANGE MY MIND.

WHAT HAPPENED THERE?
WEREN'T YOU GOING TO CRUSH THAT CASINO?
HOVA
ART

I KNEW THAT THE OWNER HAD SUCH A PERSONALITY, BUT SHE WAS UNUSUALLY... WATCHFUL
WE WERE GOING TO GET INVOLVED IN SOMETHING THAT I CAN'T ESTIMATE.
IF MY VICTORY IS FLASHY...

FURTHER-MORE...
WE HAD LOTS OF TIME TO TAKE WHAT WE CAME FOR.
IF WE ACCEPTED THEIR INVITATION THAT THEY OFFER WITH FOOLISH FACES, THEY WERE GOING TO DESTROY US THROUGH BRUTE FORCE, BUT...
HOVA
ART

I BEGAN TO FEEL THAT THE OTHER SIDE WOULD MAKE THE FIRST MOVE.
BESIDES...
I PLANNED EVERYTHING FROM THE BEGINNING, BASED ON THE RUMORS I HEARD. WE DID NOT ABORT IN DESPERATION!

I DIDN'T THINK THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE ANY-MORE...
TO THINK THAT THERE IS STILL A FOOLISH DAREDEVIL AMONGST KAKEROU MEMBERS...
BUT, HE ACTUALLY DESIRES TO GAMBLE AGAINST US.

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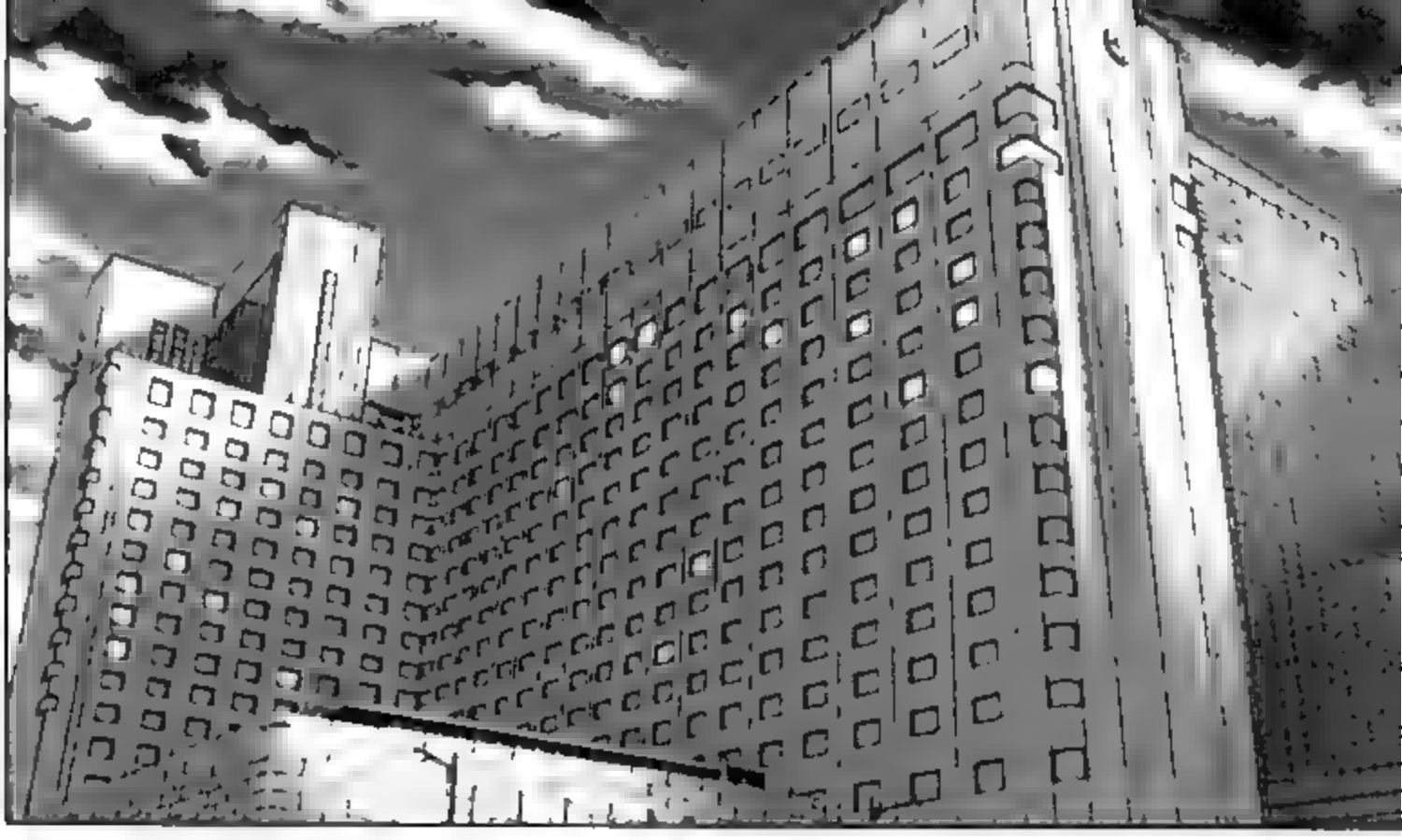
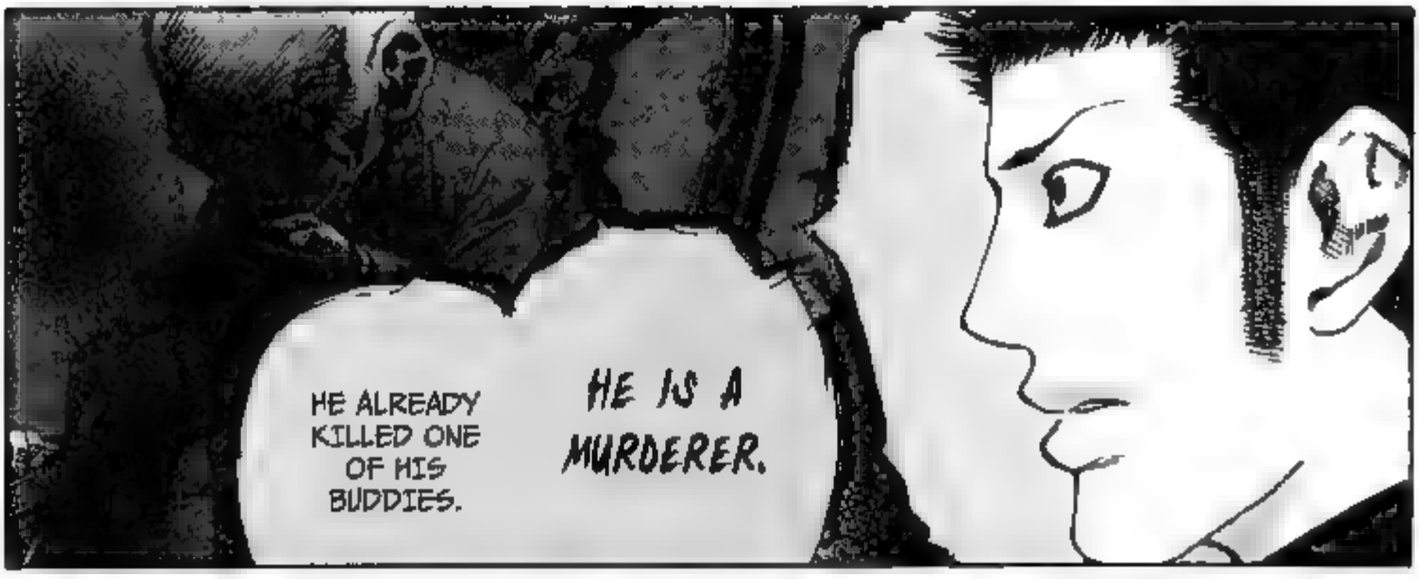
A SHORT TIME AGO, KAKEROU...
INFORMED ME ABOUT SOMEONE.



AH!
OW.
OUCH!

MEHEHE... MARCO IS SUCH A CRYBABY
OUCH!
OW


HE ALREADY KILLED ONE OF HIS BUDDIES.
HE IS A MURDERER.

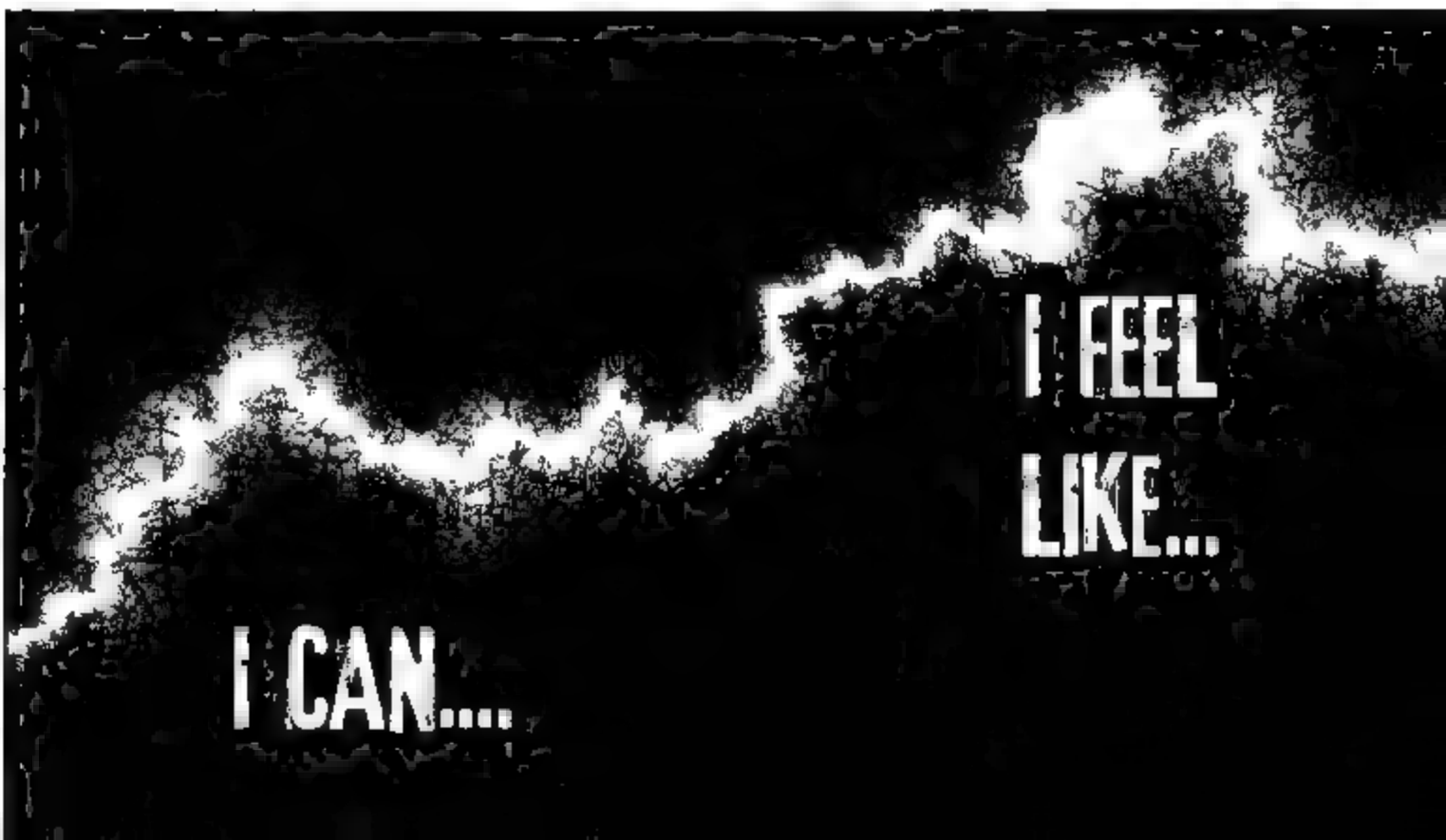
IS BAKU-SAN JUST USING ME?
KAJI-CHAN
I WONDER... IF I'LL END UP SAME WAY WHEN THE TIME COMES?
BUT SOMEHOW, I CAN'T FORGET THEM.
I DON'T BELIEVE IN THAT STORY.

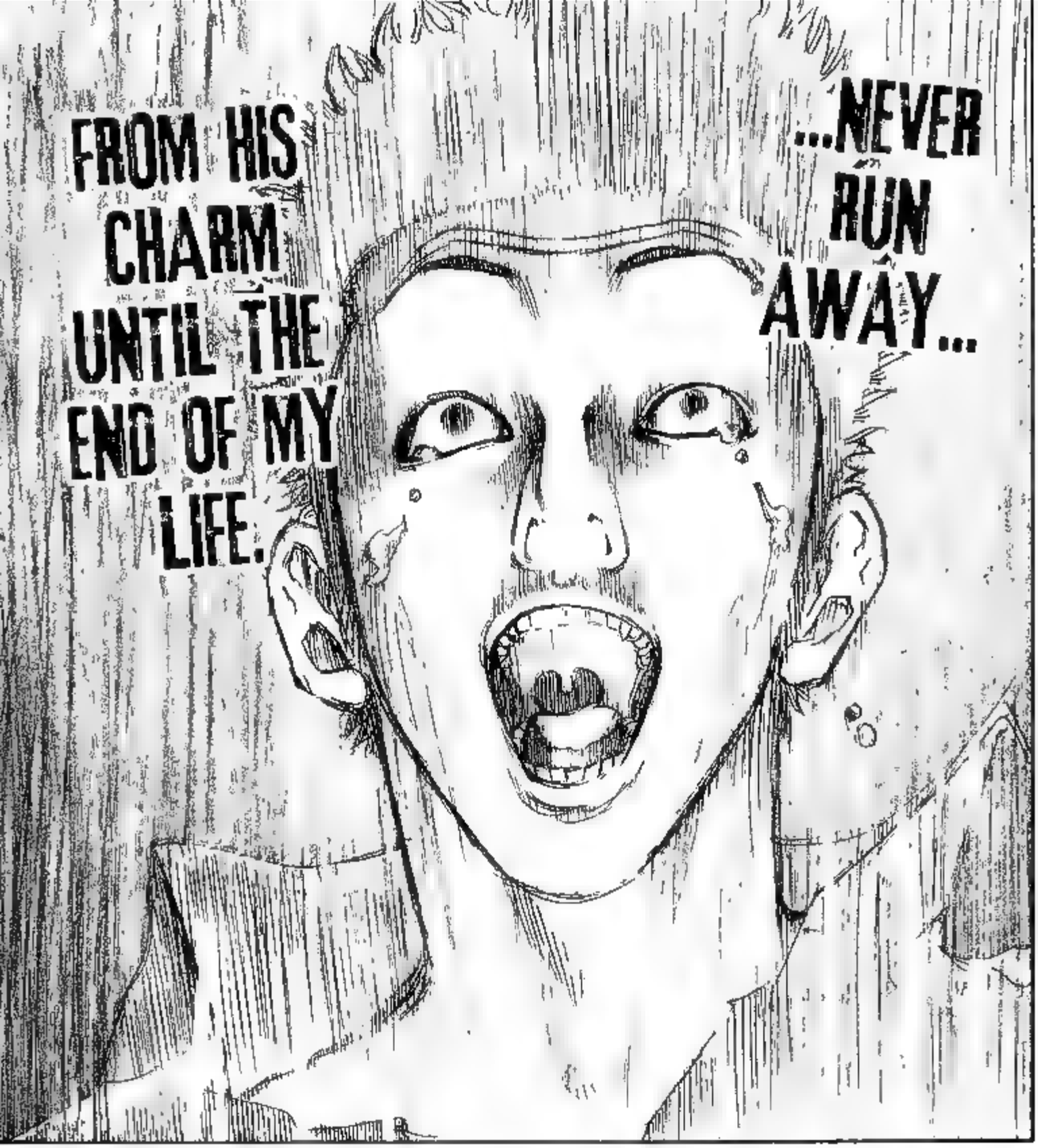
YOU EVEN CALLED KAKEROU AND MADE A BIG RUCKUS, WHEN YOU TRIED TO GET IT BACK.

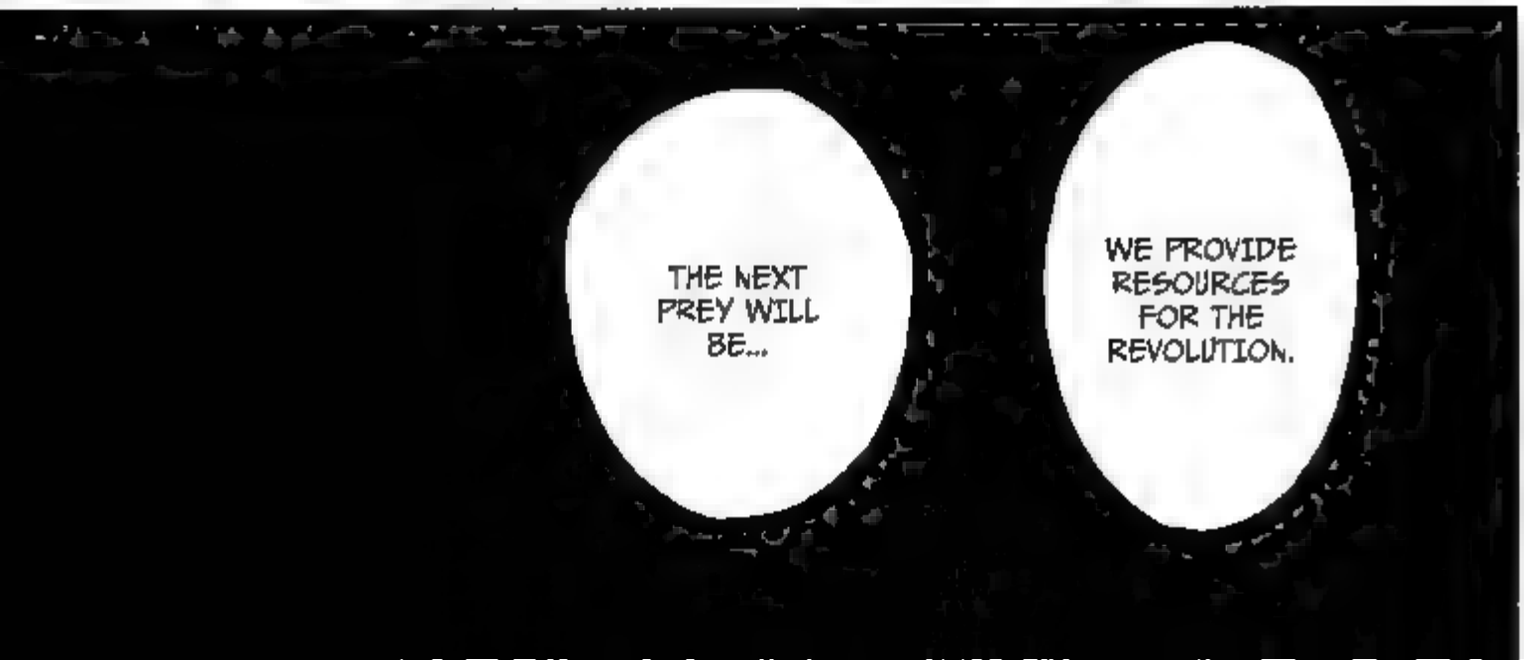
YOU TOOK BACK THE MONEY, WHICH WERE SUPPOSED TO BE SQUANDERED.
IT'S ALL OVER FOR ME.

I AM SURE THAT I TOLD YOU
TO GO AND SQUANDER ALL THE MONEY.

NOT BAD...
BAKU-CHAN.


I FEEL LIKE...
I CAN....


FROM HIS CHARM UNTIL THE END OF MY LIFE.
...NEVER RUN AWAY...


THE NEXT PREY WILL BE...
WE PROVIDE RESOURCES FOR THE REVOLUTION.

THE GAMBLER ABOUT WHOM I HEARD RUMORS IN THE PAST.
ANOTHER DEGENERATE GAMBLER, USOGUI!
GAMBLERS AND THEIR LIKES ARE THE NOXIOUS INSECTS THAT CORRUPT THIS COUNTRY, JAPAN. I WILL DESTROY WITHOUT SPARING A SINGLE ONE OF THEM.
SAME APPLIES TO KAKEROU TOO.

DEBT COLLECTOR YAKOU HIKOICHI

YAKOU... UNFORGIVABLE...

DAMN...

NOWA MITOSHI, 22 YEARS OLD

I DON'T THINK I CAN BEAT HIM DIRECTLY. DAMMIT.

THE HELL. HE'S SHARP

...

YOU WILL REGRET IT...

HOW DARE YOU ANGER ME...

YAKOU HIKOICHI.

LET'S WAIT AND SEE,

I HAVE TO COLLECT THE DEBT... BEFORE HE DOES.

IS GOING BACK TO JAPAN...

THIS FLIGHT...

I REALIZED... THOSE KINDS OF THINGS ARE STUPID.

REVENGE? COLLECT THE DEBT BEFORE YAKOU?

AND DISGRACE MYSELF...

IN THE END, I WILL APPEAR TO BE STUPID

NO MATTER WHAT STRATEGIES I USE,

IF I COMPETE WITH HIM,

THE MAIN CHARACTER OF THE SIDE STORY, YAKOU HIKOICHI... IS TRULY A HORRIBLE MAN...

BEING ABLE TO THINK SO THOROUGHLY, EVEN I AM AFRAID OF MYSELF... BUT, TO THINK HE COULD MAKE ME COMPLETELY GIVE UP ON REVENGE...

TO BE CONTINUED

I REALIZED ALL OF MY MOVES WOULD BE SHOWED IN THIS SIDE STORY.

THERE MUST BE A GREAT MOTIVATION BEHIND THIS

IF I COMPETE WITH HIM ANY FURTHER, I WILL SURELY BECOME A JOKE CHARACTER.

ATTACK! SAKO-SENSEI!

207 CHILD MEAL INCLUDES JUICE AND GUMMY CANDIES.

第37話 尊い命とは…

Chapter 37 : Precious life is ...

SHIT... MAN...
THEY ARE MERELY PLAYING! JUST LIKE THEY'RE KILLING TIME WITH A HOBBY.
DO THEY EVEN UNDER-STAND WHO I AM?
KAKEROU OR WHOEVER THE HELL THEY ARE, AND WITH THEIR EGO...

I'D LET THEM TAKE MY LIFE AS COMPENSATION FOR A FOOLISH GAMBLE?
I AM THE LEADER OF SETSUO GROUP! DO THEY THINK THAT..
HEY I WANT TORO, ROLL SOME MORE TORO*.
I can't get enough of Jinbee's sushi.

LET THEM TRY, IF THEY WANT TO COME GET ME! I'LL BEAT THEM IN THEIR OWN GAME!
THANKS TO YOUR PRESENCE THERE, I WAS ABLE TO FLEE FROM THAT SCENE...

TL NOTE: TORO IS EXPENSIVE TUNA MEAT. ROLLING TORO MEANS MAKING SUSHI USING THAT KINDA FISH MEAT

PLEASE DO NOT HAVE ANY DOUBTS SIR. WE, SHUDEI ASSOCIATION WILL HANDLE THE MATTER.
IF HE NONCHALANTLY SHOWS HIS FACE, WE'LL TURN THIS PLACE INTO A BEEHIVE.
HEHE
I'VE BEEN PAYING YOU A LOT OF MONEY FOR SUCH TIMES.
PEOPLE OF SHUDEI ASSOCIATION, I LEAVE THIS TO YOU.

DID YOU SAY THAT... HE'S ALONE?
TO TOP IT ALL, HE DOESN'T CARRY A GUN?
OKAY, SEND HIM IN.
LEADER, HE SAYS THAT HE IS A REFEREE.
WHAT? AND WHAT ABOUT THE ASSASSIN?
!?
OOOOH, WELCOME KAKEROU-SAN
HE HE
THAT DAY WAS VERY ENTERTAINING... YOU TREATED US VERY WELL.
BUT... I WONDER WHAT KIND OF BUSINESS BRINGS YOU HERE TODAY?
IF THERE WILL BE OTHER INTERE-STING GAMBLES AGAIN,
PLEASE INFORM US...

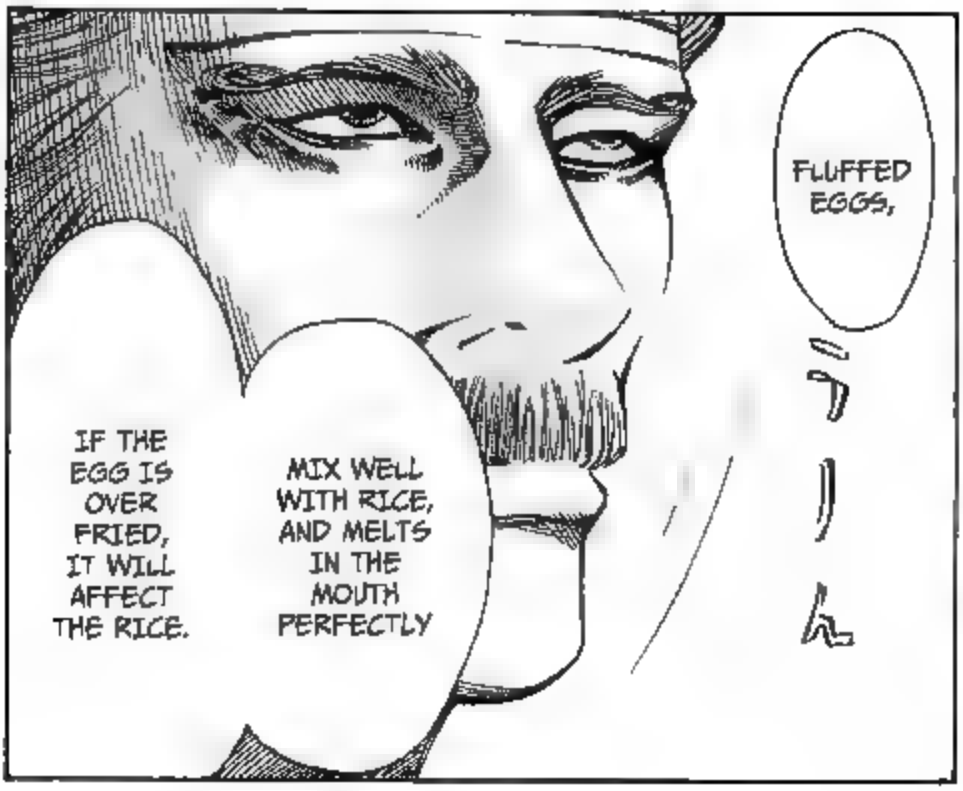
HEH HEH HEE
TEHE HE

GAH!
HUH? DOES THIS PROBABLY MEAN THAT MY ROLE IS TO DIE? LOOKING AT THE WAY... THE STORY HAS PROGRE-SSED...
HAH HAH HA!
SUCH ENTERT-AINMENT SERIOU-SLY...
AND NOW DO US A FAVOR AND DIE!
THERE IS NO WAY THAT I WILL BET ON MY LIFE FOR REAL IN SUCH A GAMBLE.
OH MY...
COULD IT BE BECAUSE OF...
YOU KNOW, SETSUO GROUP'S LEADER CAN'T BE EXPECTED TO TAKE...
The bet on my life?

OKAY SIR.
CAN I HAVE AN EGG ROLL?
スッ

PLEASE EAT JUUBEE'S SUSHI TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT BEFORE YOU DIE!
IT'S ALRIGHT IT'S ALRIGHT
HAH HAH HAH IT SEEMS LIKE REFEREE-SAN IS HUNGRY!

I AM NOT HERE AS A REFEREE.
TODAY,


FLUFFED EGGS,
フワ
IF THE EGG IS OVER FRIED, IT WILL AFFECT THE RICE.
MIX WELL WITH RICE, AND MELTS IN THE MOUTH PERFECTLY

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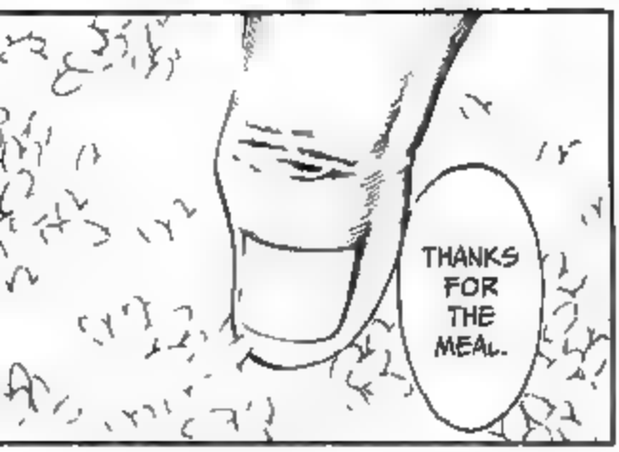
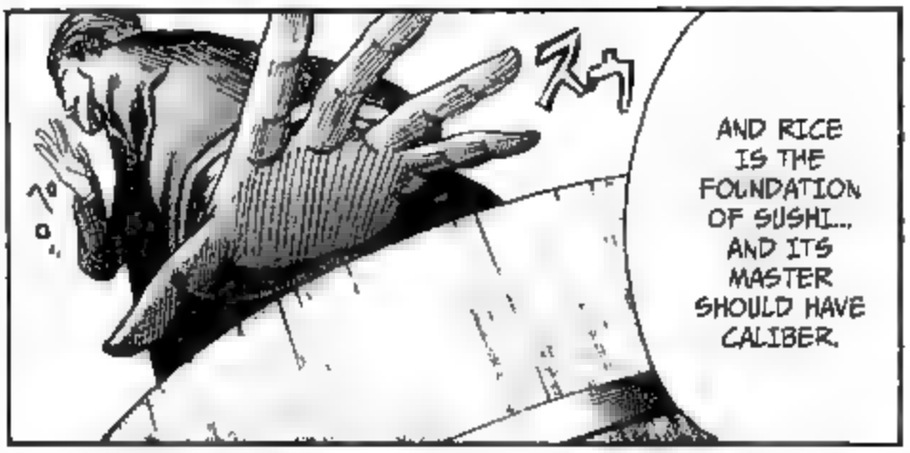
IT'S DELI-CIOUS!
MMM!


THANKS FOR THE MEAL.


AND RICE IS THE FOUNDATION OF SUSHI... AND ITS MASTER SHOULD HAVE CALIBER.

TODAY,
I AM NOT HERE AS A REFEREE...
BY THE WAY, AS I SAID A WHILE AGO...

OH, MAN...
.....

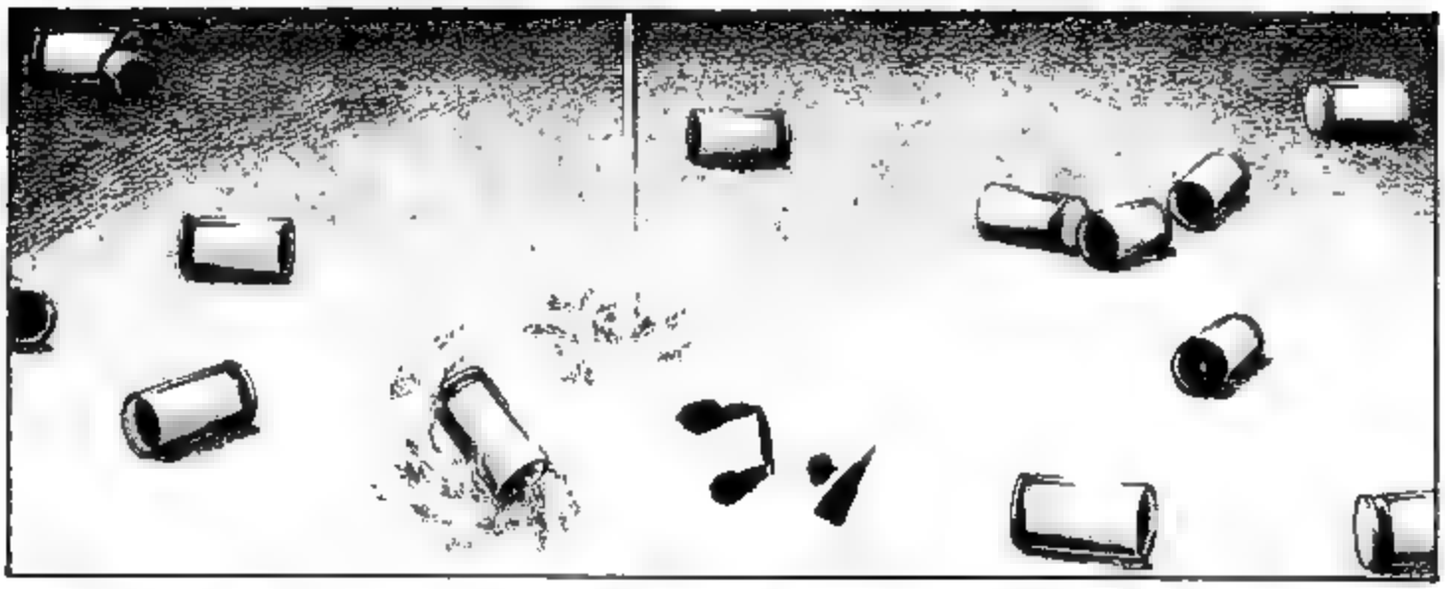
BUT RATHER AS A COLLE-CTOR.

K... K...
KILL HIM!!
KILL HIM!!
W... WHAT THE FUCK ARE YOU DOING?
Y-YOU GEEZER!

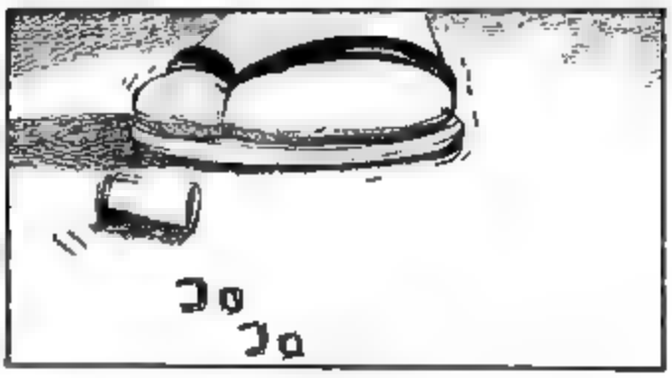
DAMN GEE...

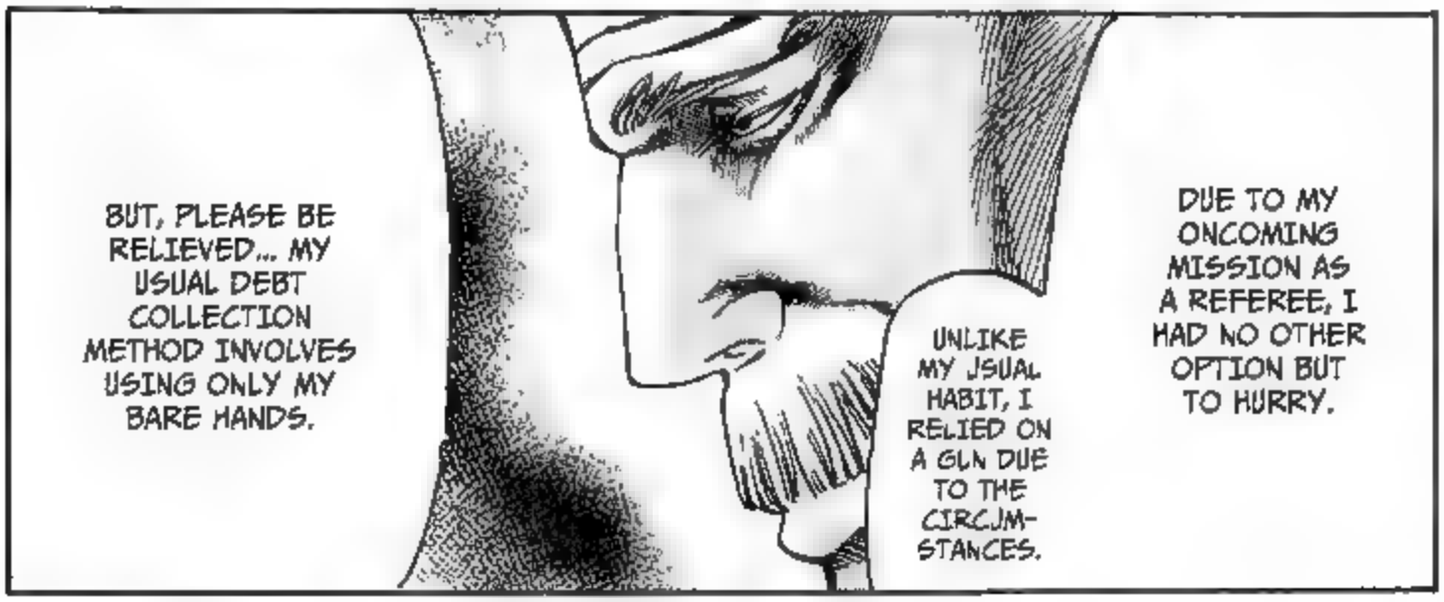
O-OUTTA MY WAY YOU...
DAMN

UGH!



WUH..
WUH...
WHAA!
W...




BUT, PLEASE BE RELIEVED... MY USUAL DEBT COLLECTION METHOD INVOLVES USING ONLY MY BARE HANDS.
UNLIKE MY USUAL HABIT, I RELIED ON A GUN DUE TO THE CIRCUM-STANCES.
DUE TO MY ONCOMING MISSION AS A REFEREE, I HAD NO OTHER OPTION BUT TO HURRY.

SO...

IS THERE ANYTHING THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SAY AS YOUR LAST WORDS?
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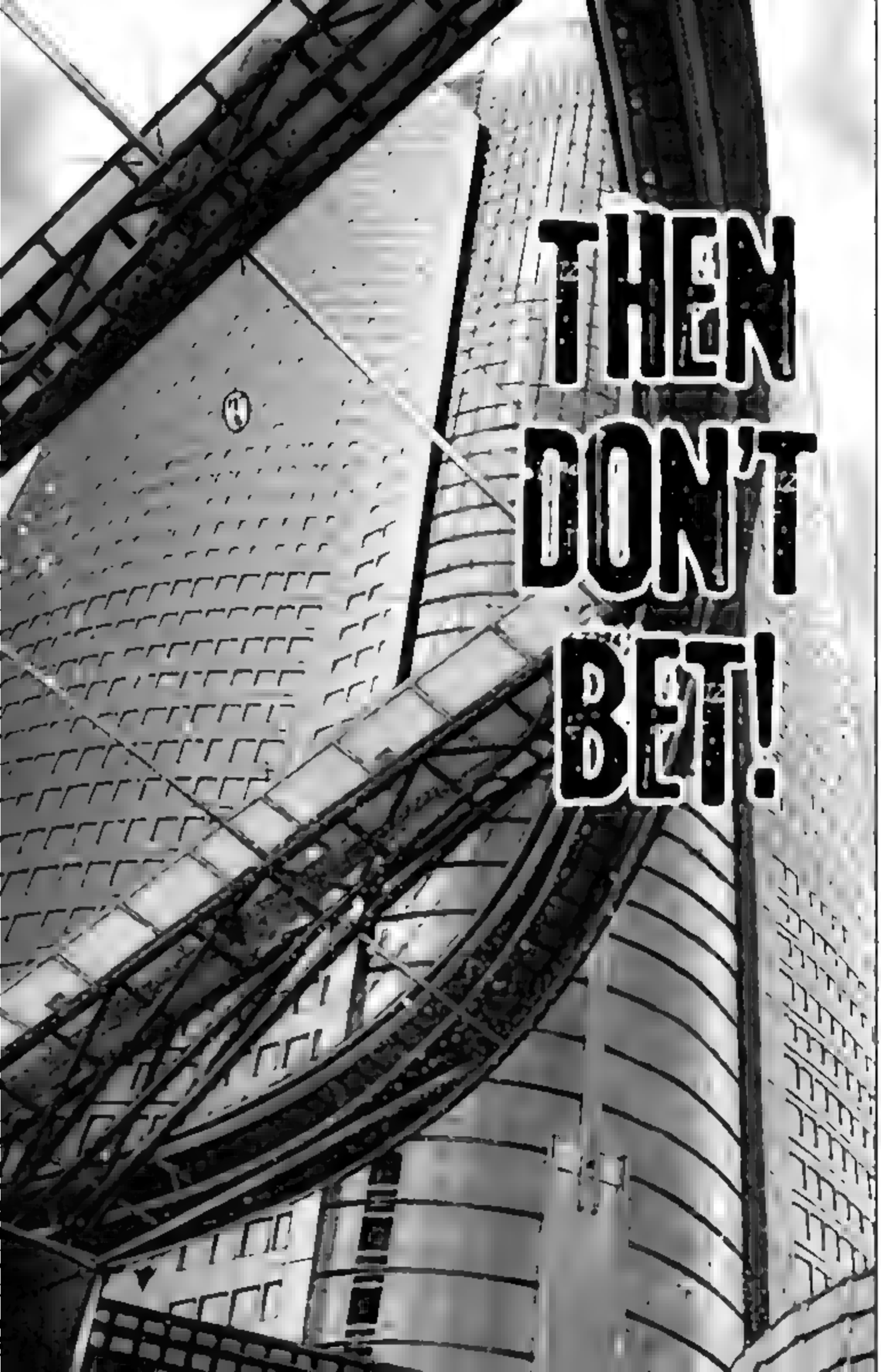
S...

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PAY...


THEN
DON'T
BET!

A FAT PIG DOES NOT HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO BET ON HIS LIFE
THE PERSON THAT WORKS TOWARDS ACHIEVING ANYTHING, EXCEPT ACQUIRING MONEY...
IS PRECIOUS!
ONLY THEN, HIS PRECIOUS LIFE HAS A VALUE AND CAN BE GAMBLED.

Yamanashi prefecture –
Shizuoka prefecture border
Reihoufuji

...That one is worthy of betting on his life.

第38話
選ばれし者
The chosen one
トンネル
立入制限
BAKU-SAN
WHAT ON EARTH IS THIS PLACE?
.....
THIS TUNNEL...
IS THE AREA THAT KAKEROU PROVIDES,
FOR THE DURATION OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN IT'S MEMBERS...

TWO MEN, BOTH WITH REMARKABLE NATURES!
"...OR WILL THOSE QUALITIES BE WASTED DURING THEIR STRUGGLE"?
WILL BE ANSWERED IN THIS GAME.
THE QUESTION, "WILL THEIR QUALITIES HELP THEM DURING THEIR ATTEMPTS TO CONTROL THE GAME..."
第38話
選ばれし者

IS THE OPPONENT HERE?
YES! SO SHOULD WE GET GOING?
LET ME GET YOUR LUGGAGE.

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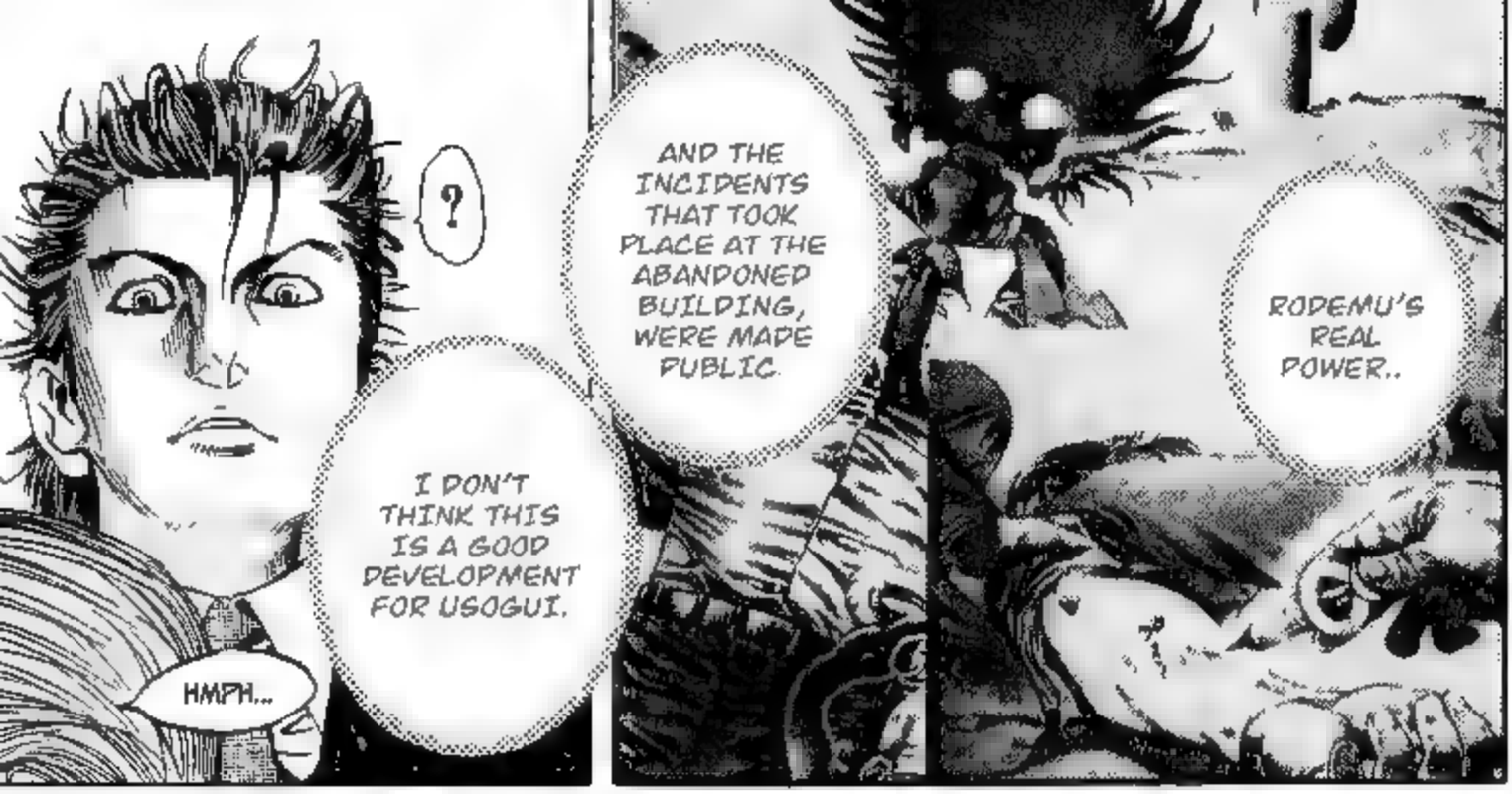
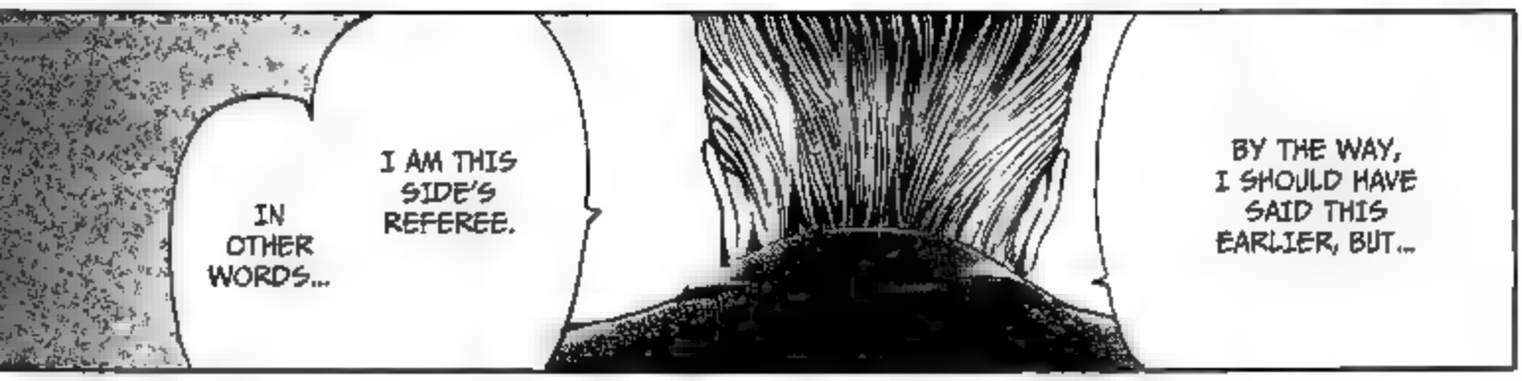
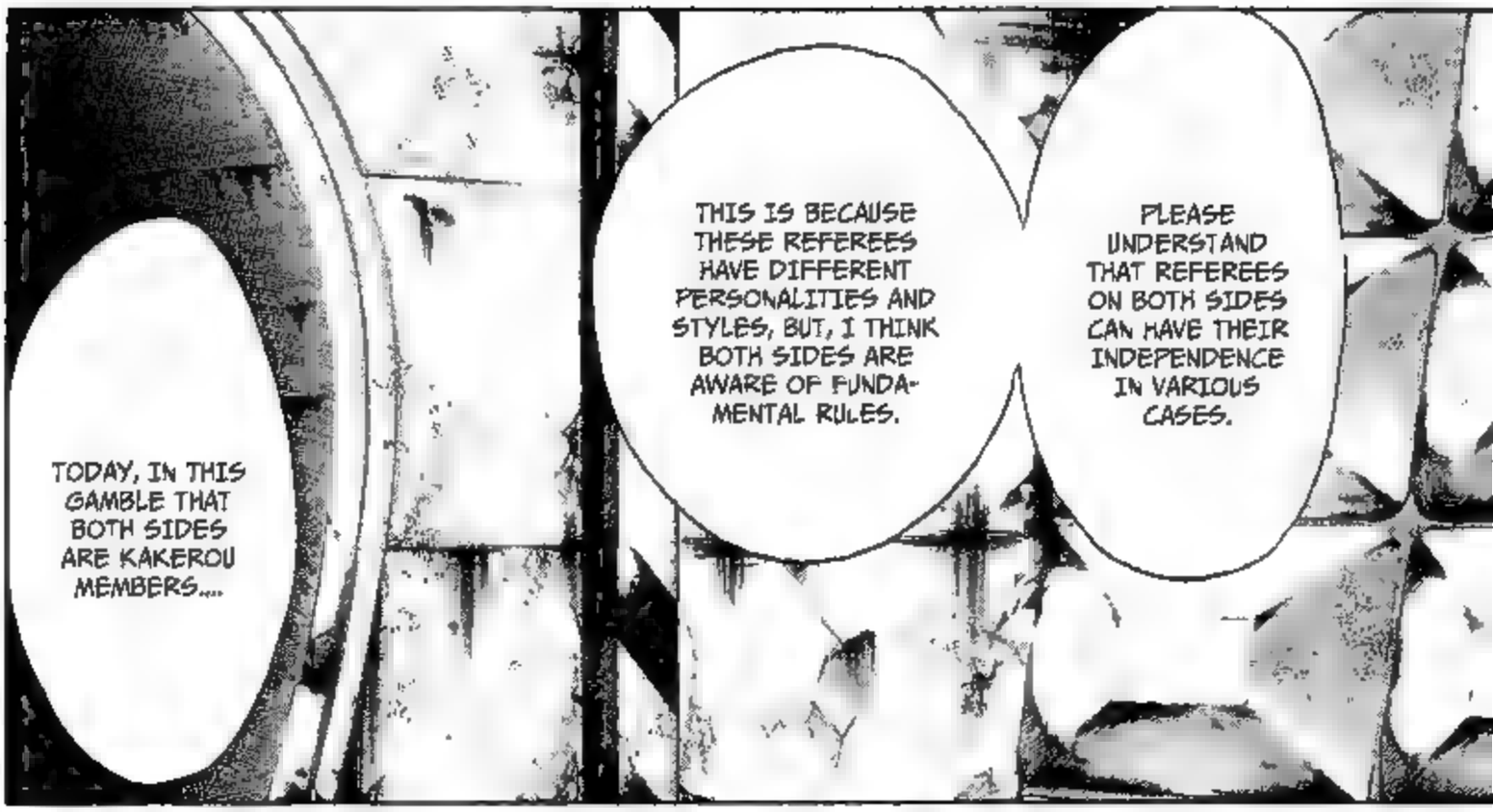
SEEMS LIKE HE WON'T BE USEFULL FROM NOW ON

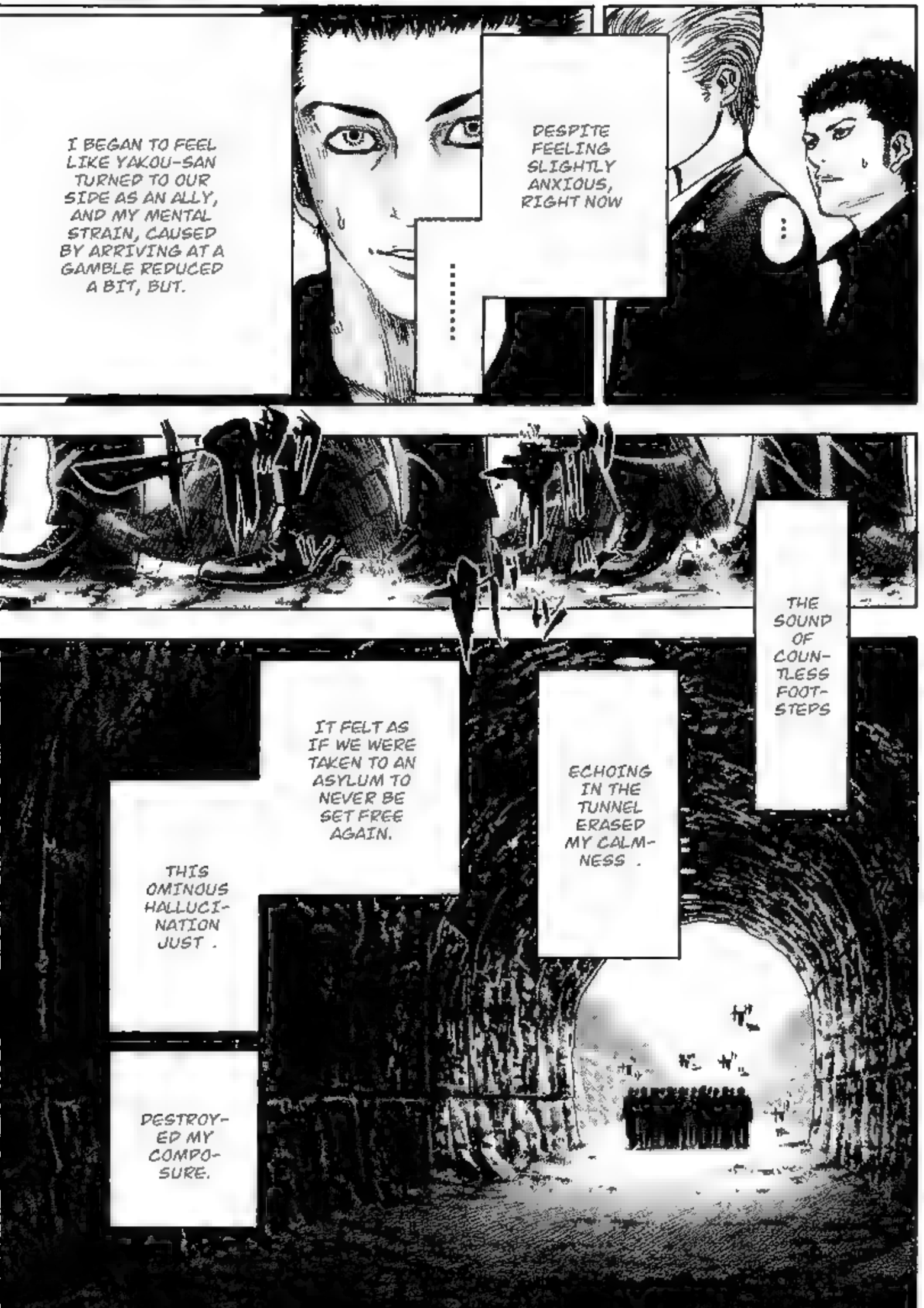

?
I DON'T THINK THIS IS A GOOD DEVELOPMENT FOR USOGUI.
HMPH...
AND THE INCIDENTS THAT TOOK PLACE AT THE ABANDONED BUILDING, WERE MADE PUBLIC.
RODEMU'S REAL POWER..


IN OTHER WORDS...
I AM THIS SIDE'S REFEREE.
BY THE WAY, I SHOULD HAVE SAID THIS EARLIER, BUT...

DURING THE GAME BETWEEN FELLOW MEMBERS, EACH MEMBER IS ACCOMPANIED BY A REFEREE (BY RULES)
THE REFEREE IS ASSIGNED TO HIS ROLE FOR THE MEMBER WHOM HE MEETS IN THE BEGINNING, BUT FUNDAMENTALLY, THAT REFEREE HAS TO STAY NEUTRAL UNTIL THE VERY END!
UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, MY POSITION HERE IS TO BE AT MEMBER BAKU-SAMA'S SIDE AND NEGOTIATE WITH THE OPPOSING MEMBER.

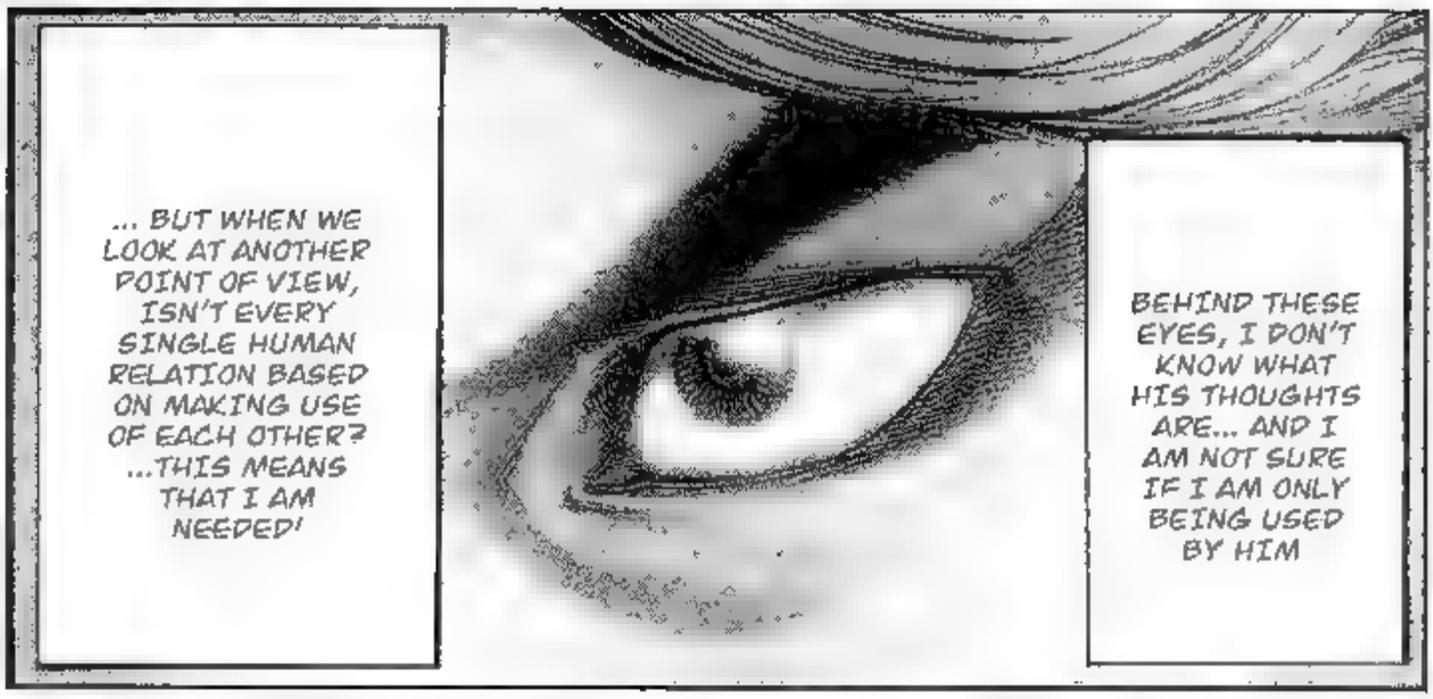

TODAY, IN THIS GAMBLE THAT BOTH SIDES ARE KAKEROU MEMBERS....
THIS IS BECAUSE THESE REFEREES HAVE DIFFERENT PERSONALITIES AND STYLES, BUT, I THINK BOTH SIDES ARE AWARE OF FUNDAMENTAL RULES.
PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT REFEREES ON BOTH SIDES CAN HAVE THEIR INDEPENDENCE IN VARIOUS CASES.

BAKU-SAMA'S EXCLUSIVE REFEREE.
I WILL BE..


I BEGAN TO FEEL LIKE YAKOU-SAN TURNED TO OUR SIDE AS AN ALLY, AND MY MENTAL STRAIN, CAUSED BY ARRIVING AT A GAMBLE REDUCED A BIT, BUT.
DESPITE FEELING SLIGHTLY ANXIOUS, RIGHT NOW
THE SOUND OF COUN-TLESS FOOT-STEPS
ECHOING IN THE TUNNEL ERASED MY CALM-NESS .
IT FELT AS IF WE WERE TAKEN TO AN ASYLUM TO NEVER BE SET FREE AGAIN.
THIS OMINOUS HALLUCI-NATION JUST .
DESTROY-ED MY COMPO-SURE.

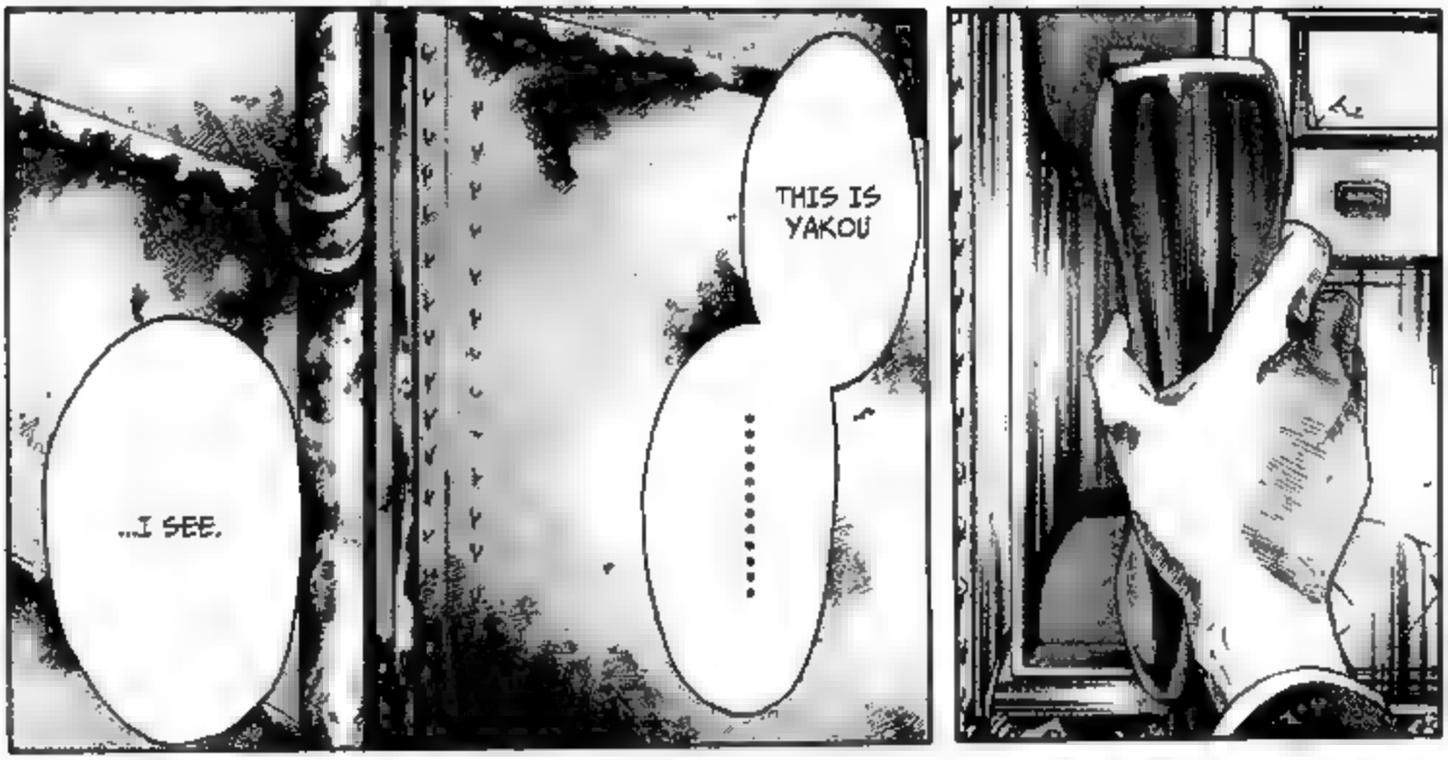
AND ONCE MORE...
DRIP
WAAAH!
SO, KAJI-CHAN...
.....

I AM BEING DRAWN FURTHER INTO
SINCE YOU GAINED SOME EXPERIENCE AND HAD A POWER-UP...
THIS MAN'S WORLD
WHY DON'T WE PROCEED IN HIGH SPIRITS, TODAY?


... BUT WHEN WE LOOK AT ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW, ISN'T EVERY SINGLE HUMAN RELATION BASED ON MAKING USE OF EACH OTHER? ...THIS MEANS THAT I AM NEEDED!
BEHIND THESE EYES, I DON'T KNOW WHAT HIS THOUGHTS ARE... AND I AM NOT SURE IF I AM ONLY BEING USED BY HIM

THINKING LIKE THAT, I FEEL LIKE I AM BUILDING UP THE COURAGE TO WALK ALONGSIDE THIS MAN... EVEN IF IT'S ONLY A LITTLE
BECAUSE BAKU-SAN DOESN'T FEEL "EVIL" TO ME.

HANG ON FOR A WHILE


THIS IS YAKOU
.....
...I SEE.

THE OPPOSITE SIDE HAS ALSO ARRIVED A MOMENT AGO.
IT SEEMS,
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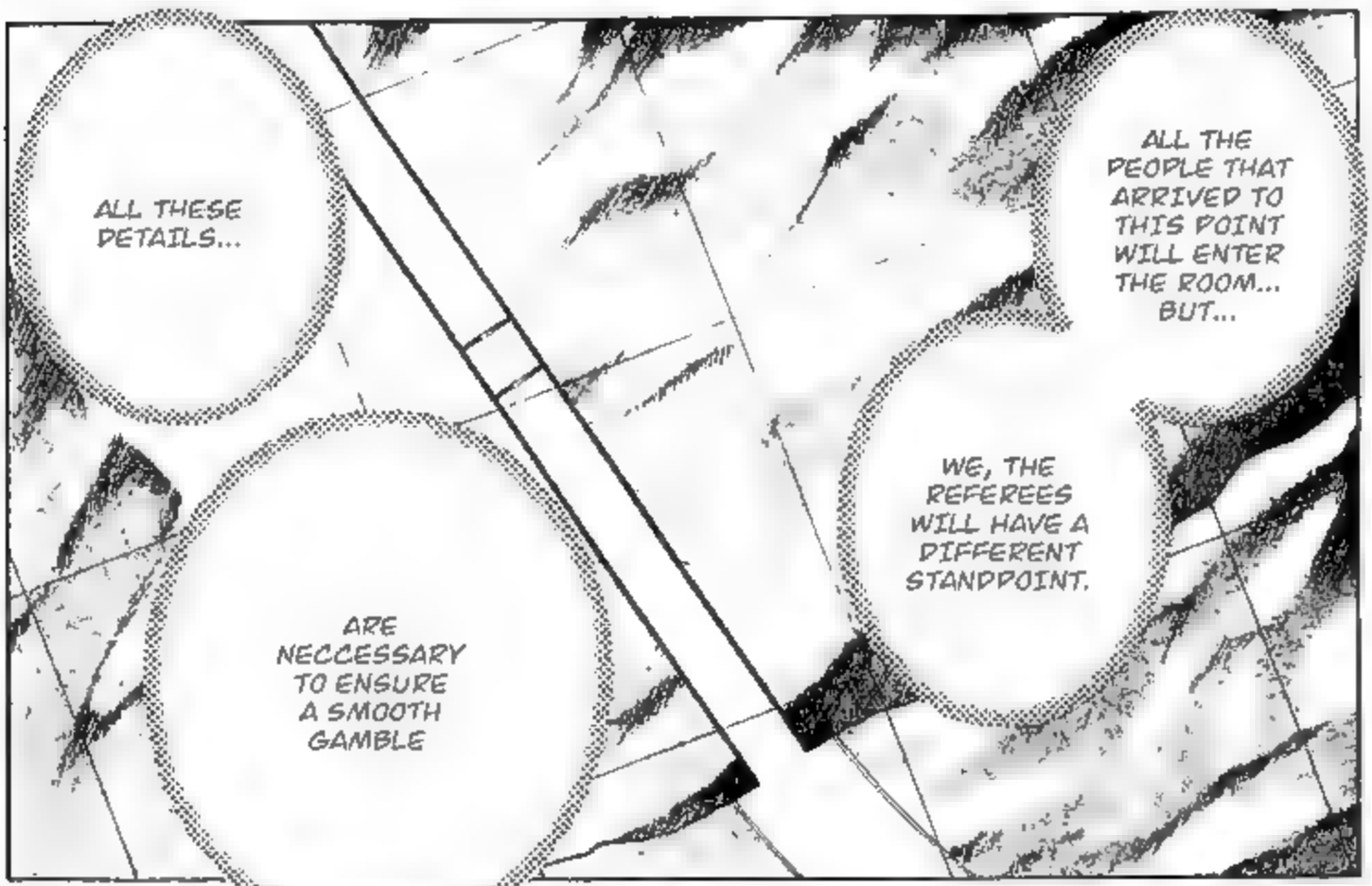
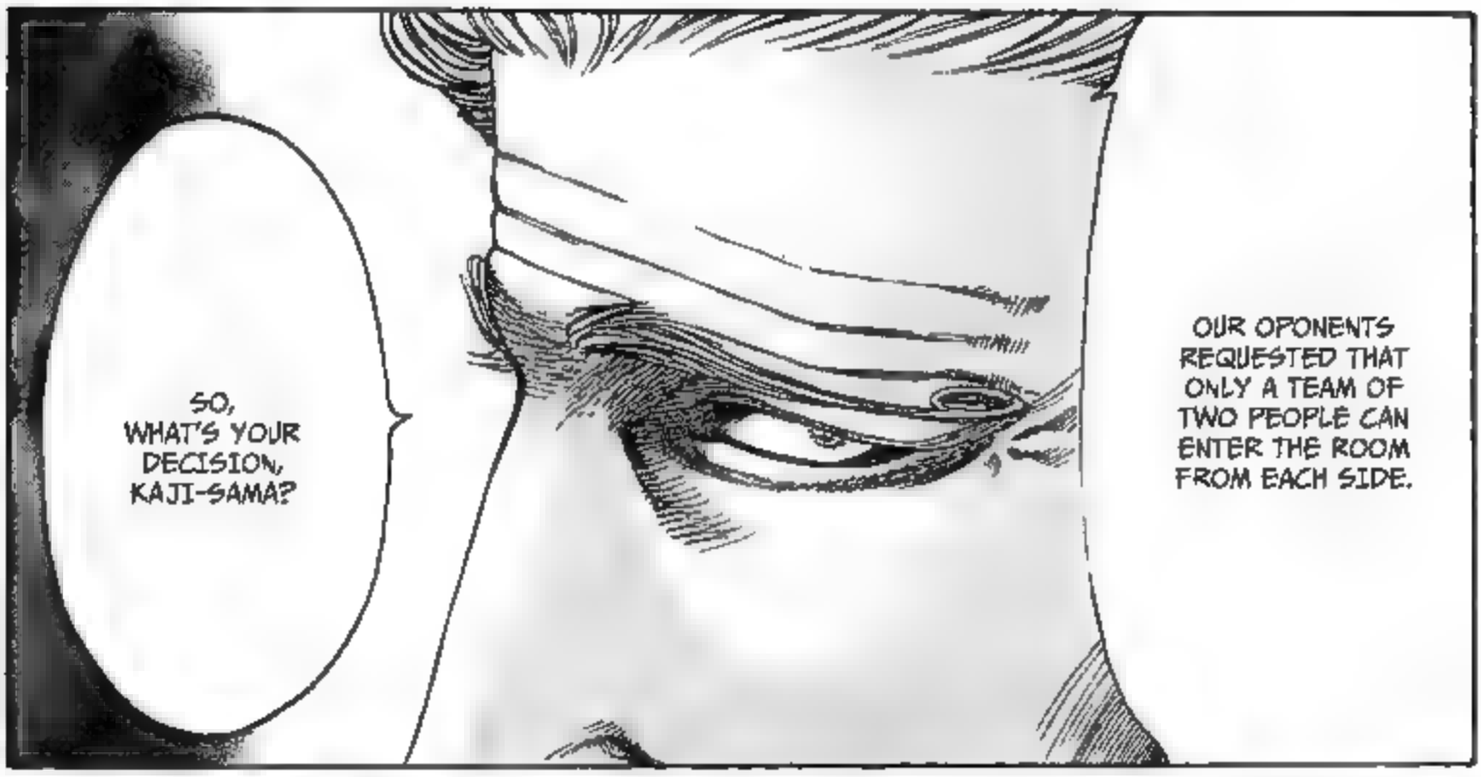

ALL THESE DETAILS...
ALL THE PEOPLE THAT ARRIVED TO THIS POINT WILL ENTER THE ROOM... BUT...
WE, THE REFEREES WILL HAVE A DIFFERENT STANDPOINT.
ARE NECCESSARY TO ENSURE A SMOOTH GAMBLE


OUR OPONENTS REQUESTED THAT ONLY A TEAM OF TWO PEOPLE CAN ENTER THE ROOM FROM EACH SIDE.
SO, WHAT'S YOUR DECISION, KAJI-SAMA?

EH?
BUT WE HAVE THREE PEOPLE ON OUR SIDE
ISN'T THERE ANY WAY TO LET ALL THREE OF US IN?

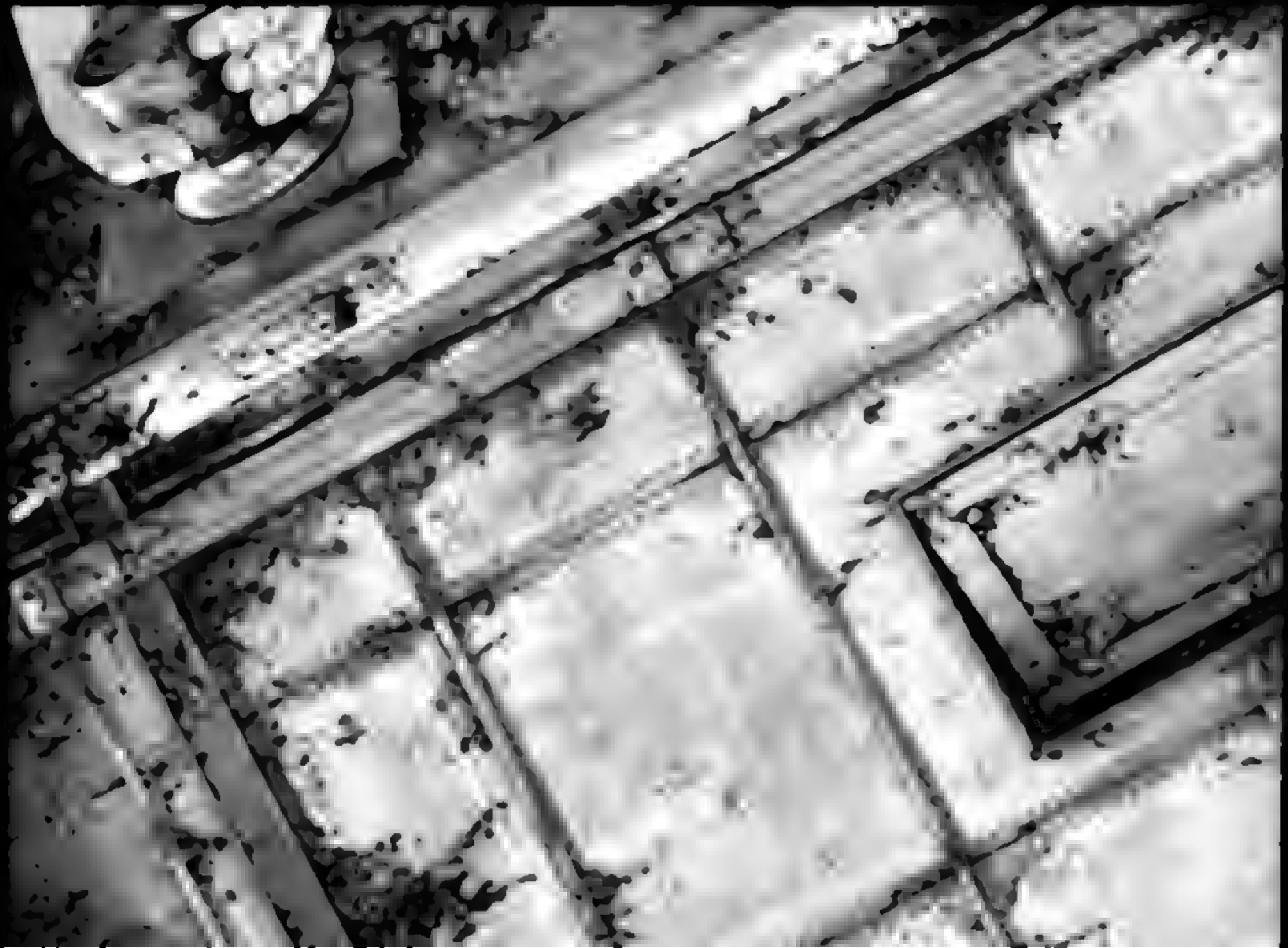
ISN'T IT ALRIGHT?

I WILL TRY TO NEGOTIATE, BUT THE OPPOSITE SIDE WILL PROBABLY TURN IT DOWN.
THAT'S AN EXPECTED MEASURE FROM OUR OPPONENTS...

...ESPECIALLY IF THEY ARE INFORMED ABOUT RODEMU.
?
KAJI IS NOT ON A LEVEL WHERE HE CAN WIN AGAINST HIM WITHOUT USOGUI'S SUPPORT...

"T/N: HE SAYS "FUUUX" INSTEAD OF "FUCK"

WELL
THEN,
LET'S
ENTER THE
ROOM.



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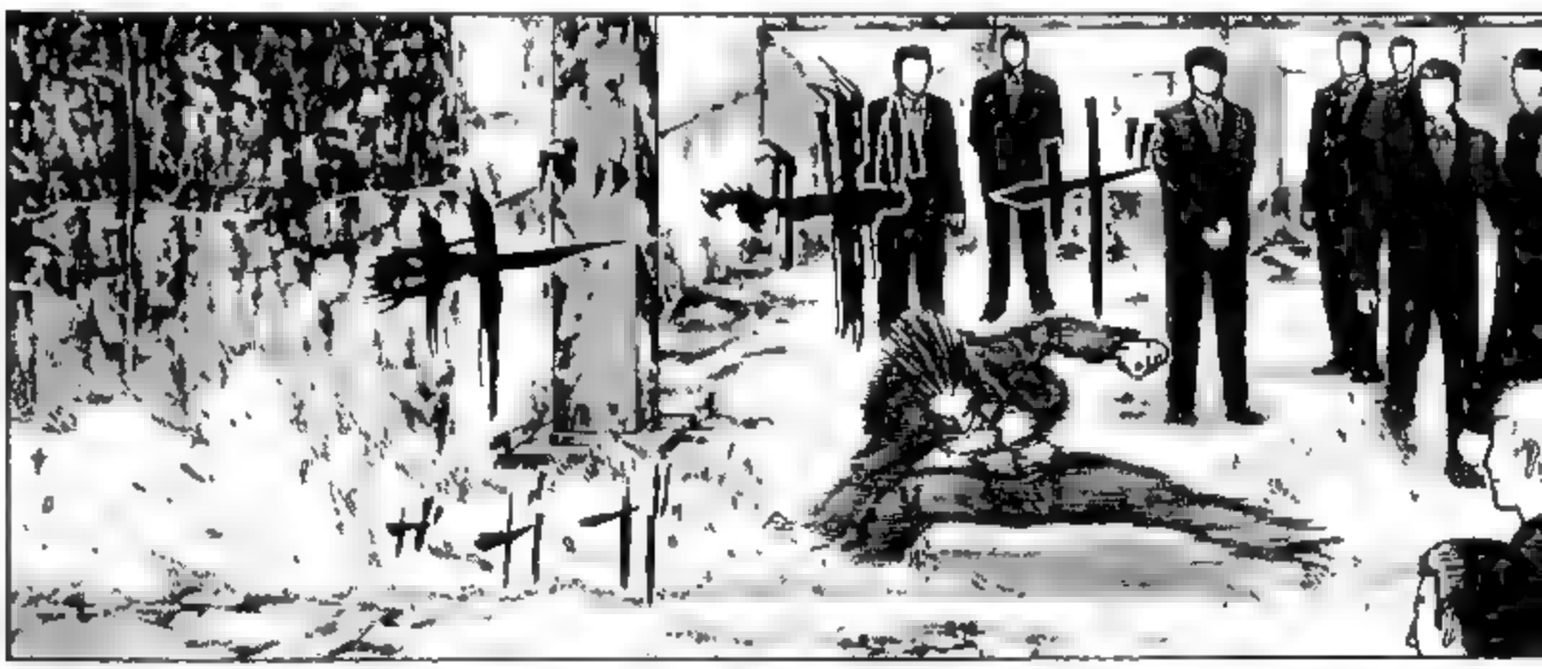
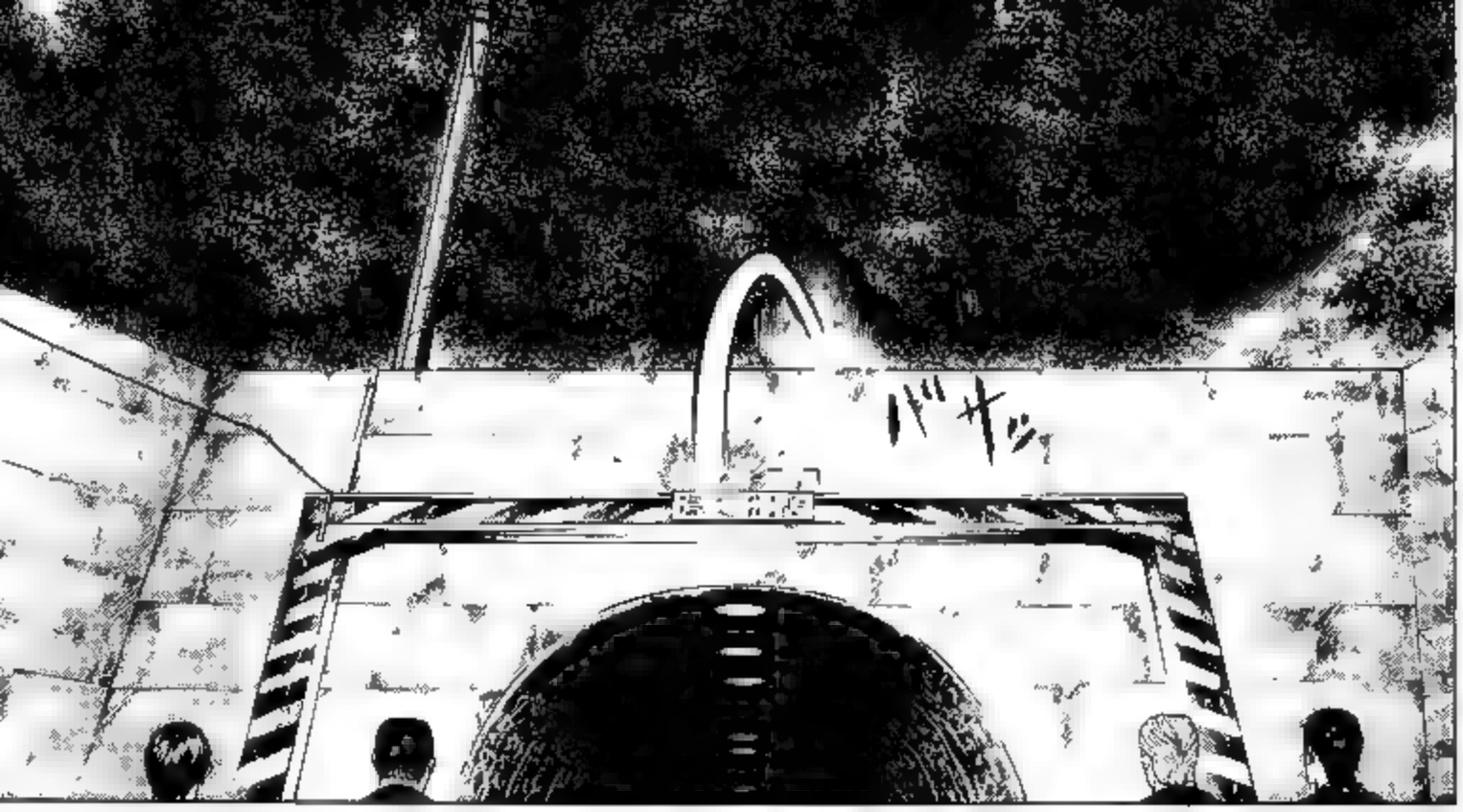
何かが違う…

Something's wrong...

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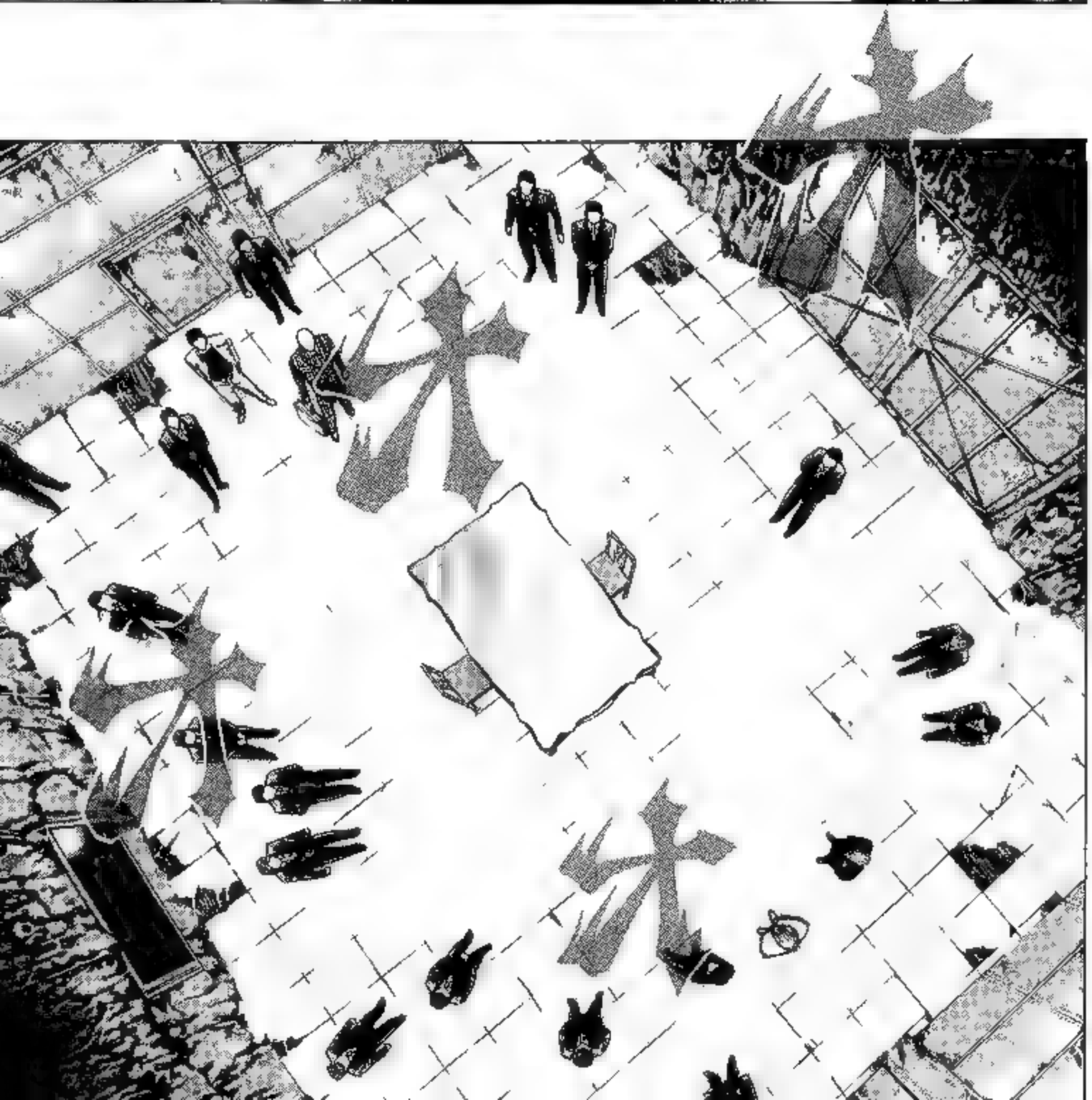


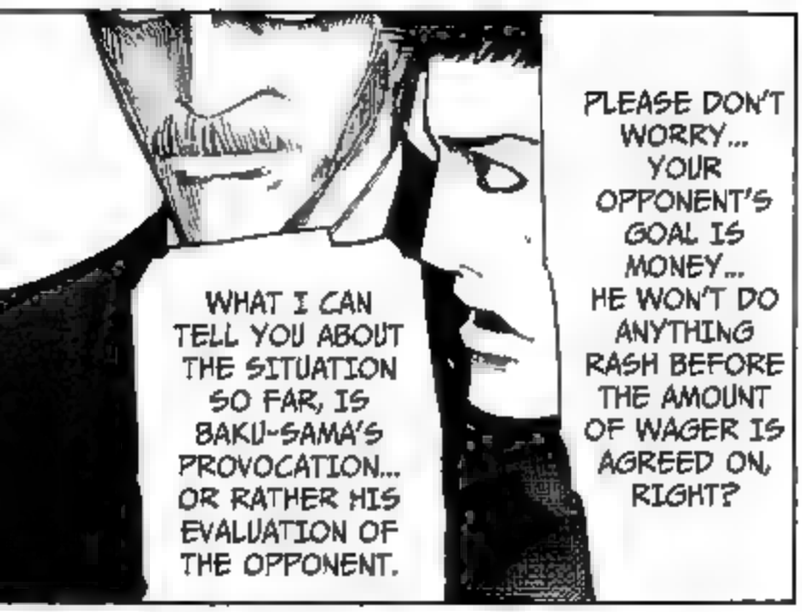
I AM KAKEROU REFEREE NUMBER 10,
MEKAMA KIROU. I AM PLEASED TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE.
...AH, EXCUSE ME...
GREE-TINGS.

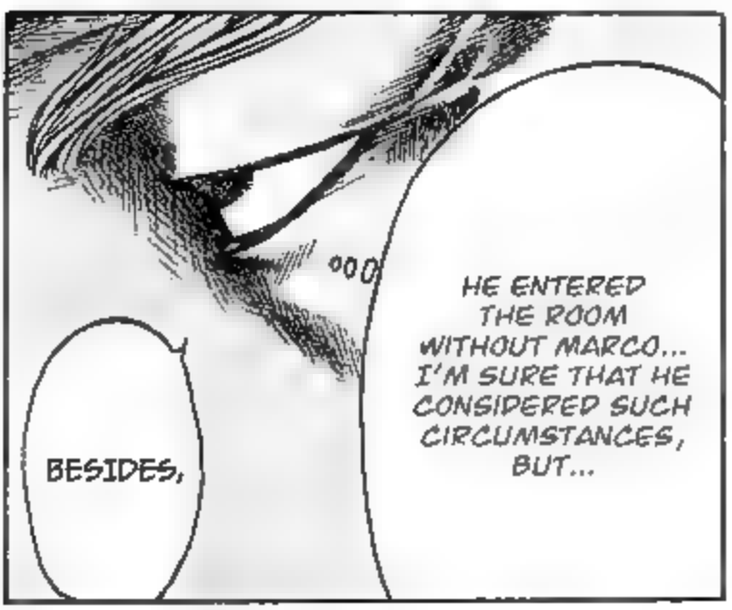
AFTER WE SETTLE THE GAME DETAILS.
LET'S RESUME THIS CONVERSATION...
I THINK INTRODUCTIONS WILL BE POINTLESS... IF THERE'S NO CONSENSUS.
...
OH, C'MON.
YOU ARE DELIBERATELY IGNORING INTRODUCTIONS TO SAVE TIME.
IN OTHER WORDS, IT SHOULD MEAN THAT...
STOP THIS CRAP!
WHO IS THE GAMBLER CALLED USOGUI SOMETHING?! GET YOUR ASS ON YOUR SEAT!

PLANNING TO HAND OVER ALL THE MONEY THAT YOU BROUGHT HERE.
YOU ARE...

MONEY! HURRY AND PLACE YOUR BIDS.
WHAT I'M INTER-ESTED IN IS...
I SAID THAT I AM NOT EAGER TO GET INTO USELESS DIALOGUES, RIGHT?
YAKOU-SAN, YOU ARE OUR REFEREE, AREN'T YOU?! DON'T JUST OBSERVE. DO SOMETHING, PLEASE!!
HOW CAN HE THROW SUCH A KNIFE LIKE THAT?!
IS THAT GUY OUT OF HIS MIND?
W...
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!

KAJI-SAMA... ENTERING THIS CAVE FROM DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS TOGETHER, AND ENSURING THE ENTRY OF THE SAME NUMBER OF CONTESTANTS...
IS THE EXTENT TO WHICH WE ARE ALLOWED TO MEDDLE WITH.
IN THE SITUATION THAT WE ARE IN RIGHT NOW, WHEN THE RULES ARE NOT SETTLED,
WE ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE MOBILIZED YET.
THIS WOULD BE AN EXTREME SCENARIO, BUT... PLEASE KNOW THAT I CANNOT DO ANYTHING, EVEN IF YOU TWO WERE MURDERED.


PLEASE DON'T WORRY... YOUR OPPONENT'S GOAL IS MONEY... HE WON'T DO ANYTHING RASH BEFORE THE AMOUNT OF WAGER IS AGREED ON, RIGHT?
WHAT I CAN TELL YOU ABOUT THE SITUATION SO FAR, IS BAKU-SAMA'S PROVOCATION... OR RATHER HIS EVALUATION OF THE OPPONENT.


HE ENTERED THE ROOM WITHOUT MARCO... I'M SURE THAT HE CONSIDERED SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT...
BESIDES,

IT...
DOESN'T HURT AT ALL ~~
YOU KNOW...
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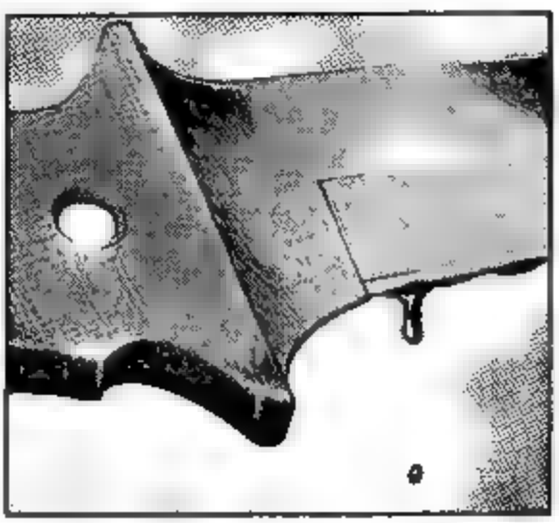
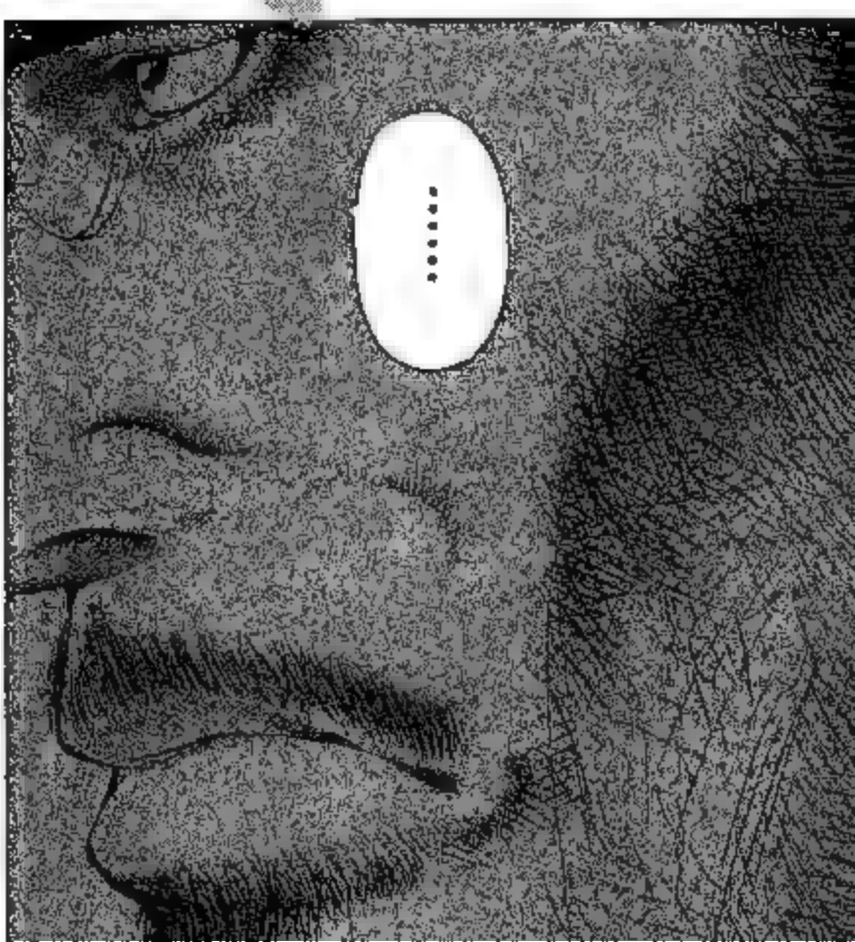


A MAN WON'T CHANGE HIS ATTITUDE ...
IF WHAT HE ENCOUNTERS IS CHILDISH VIOLENCE.

THE WAGER IS...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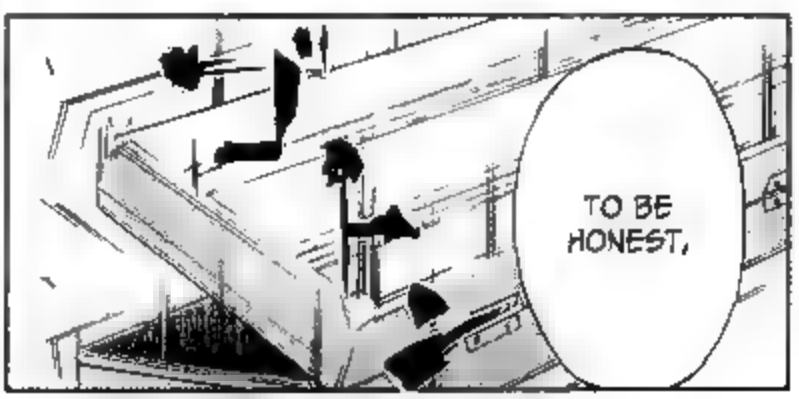
50 MILLION.

THAT'S ALL WE HAVE IN OUR POSSES-SION.
THAT'S ALL.
OTHER THAN THIS, HOW MUCH DID YOU AMASS?
HEH... HEHE. YOU SAID 50 MILLION?

I LOST MY WILL TO PLAY.

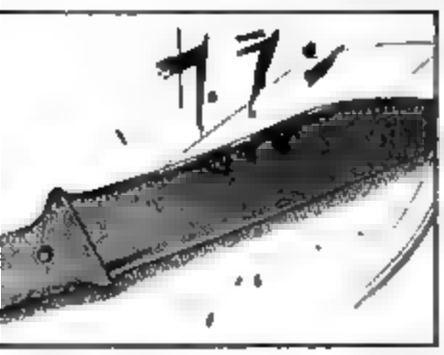
...HMPH, THAT'S A DISAPPOINT-MENT!
ONLY 50 MILLION WAGER AT A GAME BETWEEN MEMBERS?


TO BE HONEST,

.....
AH... OKAY
ZZZP
THE OTHER SIDE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE PLEASED,
BUT THEY MAY CHANGE THEIR MINDS IF THEY SEE THE ACTUAL GOODS... WHY DON'T YOU TAKE IT OUT?
... BAKU-CHAN.
!
T. THIS IS A. ?!
?
HUH?
GOOD JOB.
RATTLE
AH

THIS SMG... WAS LOOTED FROM THE ABANDONED BUILDING.
SO BAKU-SAN TOOK IT WITH HIM...

WITH THIS, BOTH SIDES WILL HAVE EQUIVALENT POWER, AND FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE GAME WILL ABLE TO PROCEED TO AN AGREEMENT.
I EXPECTED HIM TO BE PREPARED TO THIS EXTENT .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WE'RE NOT CARRYING ANYTHING ELSE BESIDES WHAT YOU SEE IN HERE.

BUT THERE IS METHOD TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE WAGER...
I DON'T GIVE A SHIT.

BOTH YOU AND I CAME HERE TO GAMBLE...
BUT, IT CAN'T BE HELPED IF WE WERE TO BE CAUGHT INTO A GUNFIGHT, RIGHT?
YOU ARE A SHORT-TEMPERED MAN.

I...
EVEN IF IT TURNS INTO A GUNFIGHT
DON'T GIVE A DAMN!!

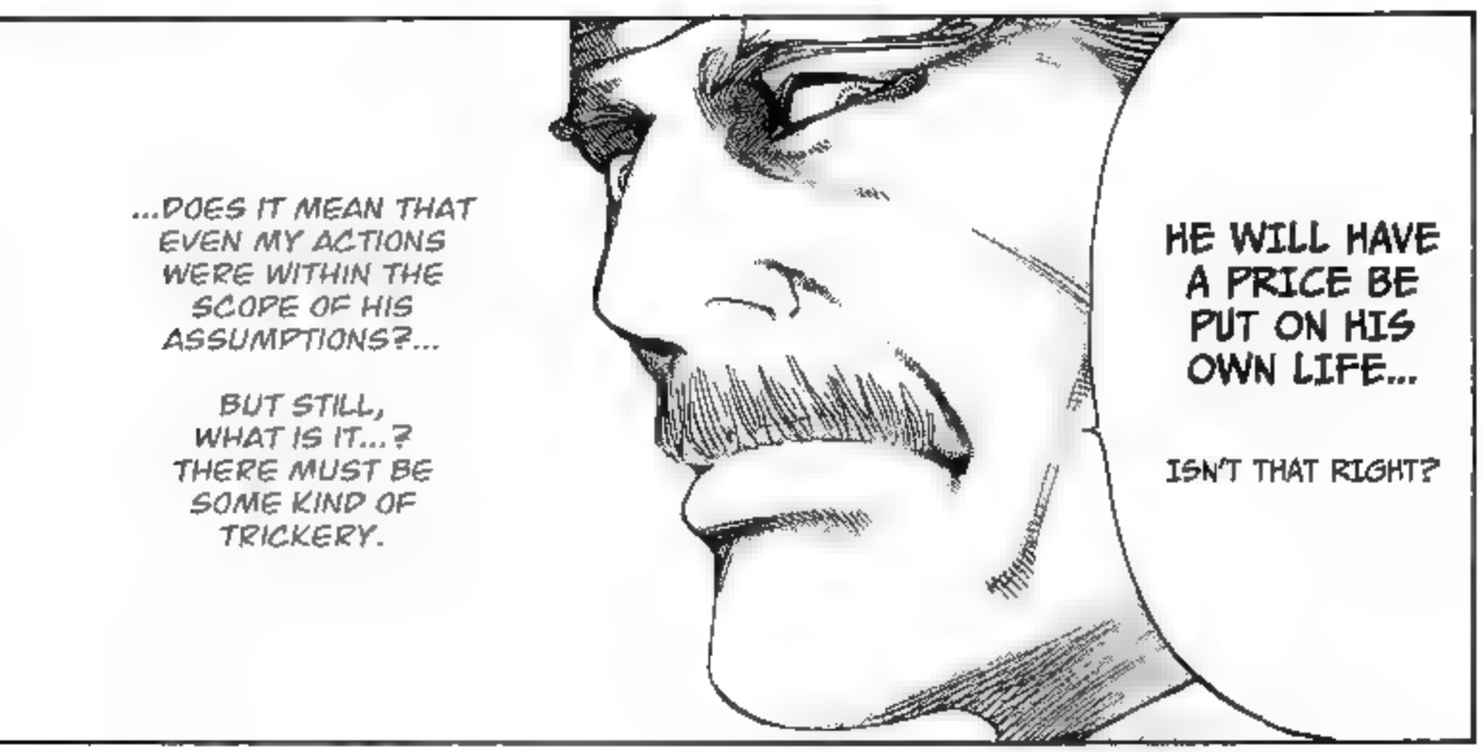
...
I... AM DRAWN IN...
THIS VIGOR... IT SHAKES THE ATMOS-PHERE...
THERE IS NO WAY THAT THIS PERSON IS NORMAL!
HE ISN'T ATTACHED TO HIS OWN LIFE EVEN ONE LITTLE BIT!
SO THREAT-ENING...
A MAN LIKE HIM!
I HAVE NEVER SEEN...

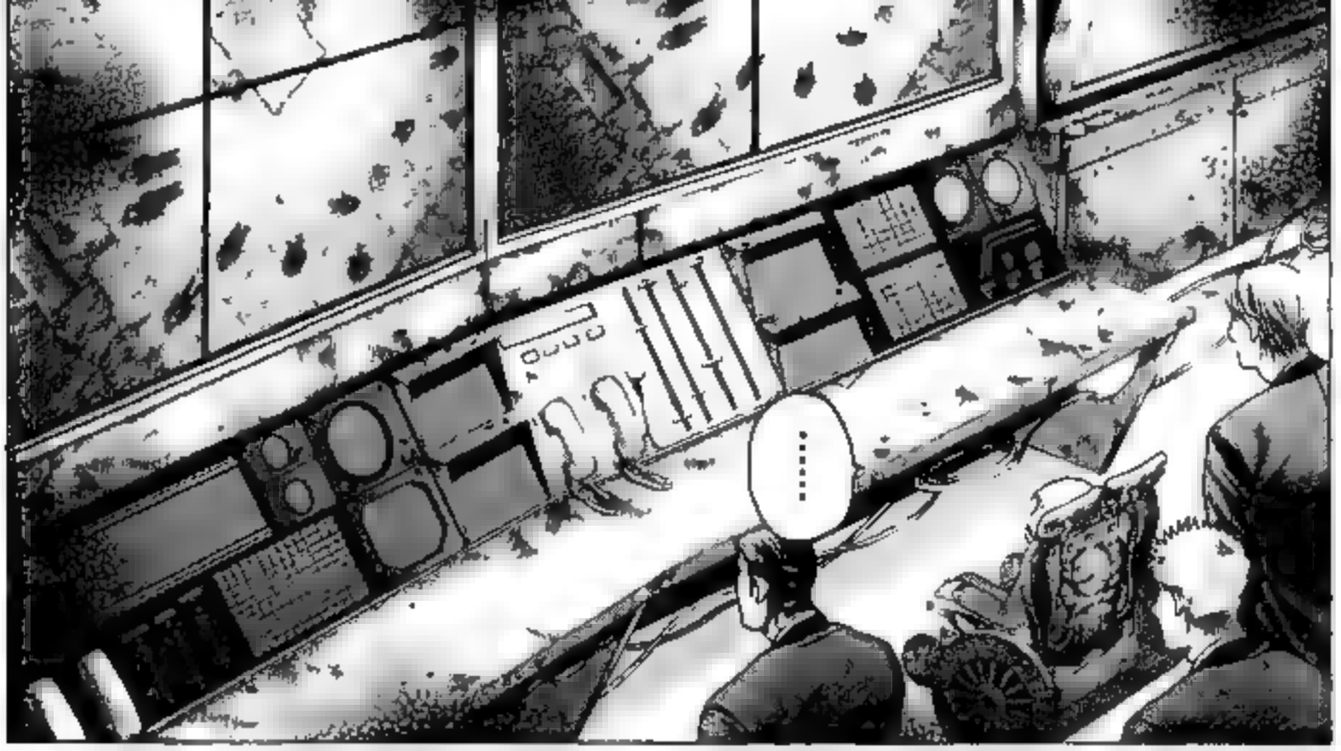
AAA
AHH!
AH...

PLEASE
STOP
THIS!!
.....

PLEASE GIVE UP ON THE GUNFIGHT.
THIS HAS TURNED INTO A SITUATION WHERE WE HAVE TO GET INVOLVED.
EVERY-ONE, CALM DOWN.

A METHOD TO INCREASE THE WAGER... IN OTHER WORDS,
IN ADDITION, BAKU-SAMA HAS JUST MENTIONED ABOUT...


...DOES IT MEAN THAT EVEN MY ACTIONS WERE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF HIS ASSUMPTIONS?...
BUT STILL, WHAT IS IT...? THERE MUST BE SOME KIND OF TRICKERY.
HE WILL HAVE A PRICE BE PUT ON HIS OWN LIFE...
ISN'T THAT RIGHT?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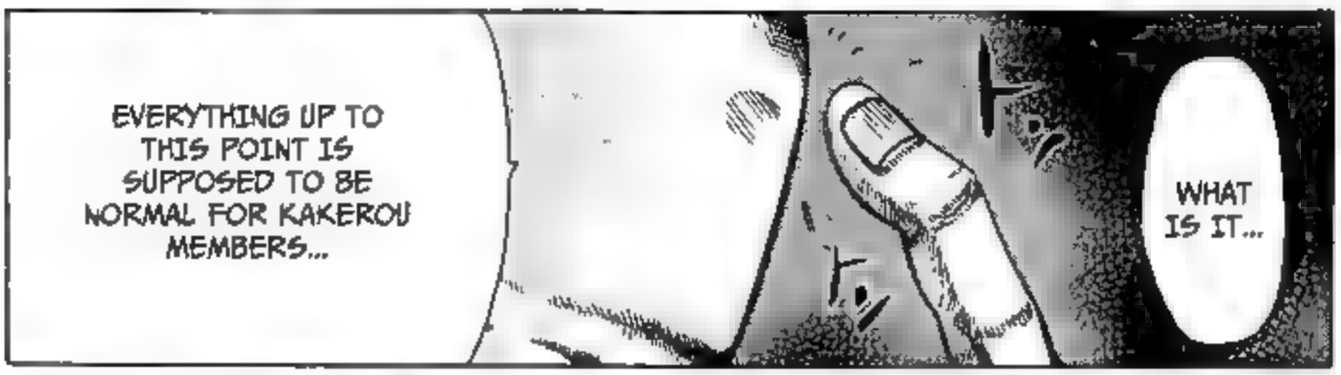
EVERYTHING UP TO THIS POINT IS SUPPOSED TO BE NORMAL FOR KAKEROU MEMBERS...
WHAT IS IT...

WHILE THIS ALL SEEMS ORDINARY, SOMETHING IS WRONG.
BUT THERE IS SOMETHING...
SOMETHING STRANGE...

I have chills
go down my
spine...

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Man Owners
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HOW HIGH OF A WAGER WILL SATISFY YOU?
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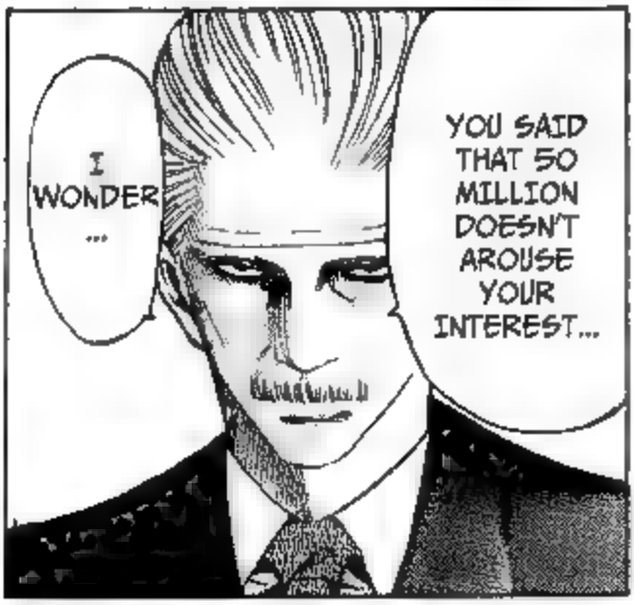
YOU SAID THAT 50 MILLION DOESN'T AROUSE YOUR INTEREST...
I WONDER ...

GIVEN THAT, HE WANTS TO BET IT ALL. WHAT HE'S ACHIEVED SO FAR, AND WHAT HE CARRIES.
THE SUM TOTAL IS...

SADAKUNI-SAMA...
HAS GAMBLED AGAINST MEMBERS FIVE TIMES SINCE HE ENTERED THE COUNTRY.

ONE
BILLION.

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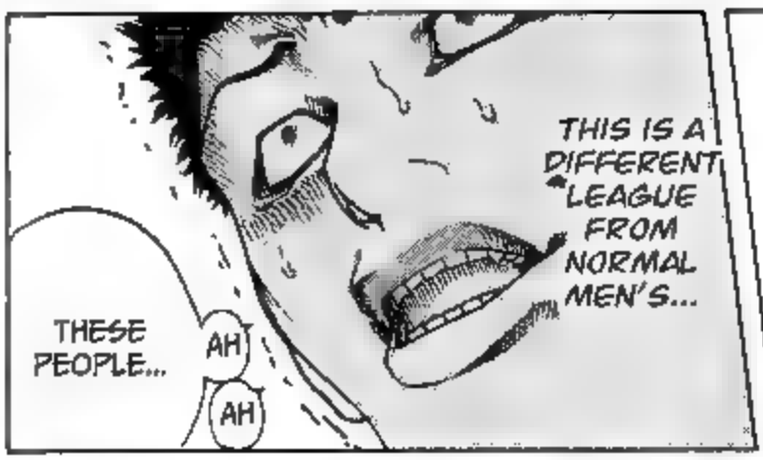
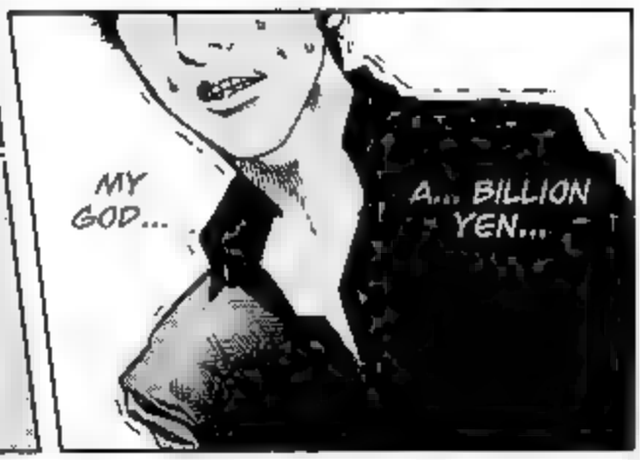

THESE PEOPLE...
AH
AH
THIS IS A DIFFERENT LEAGUE FROM NORMAL MEN'S...


MY GOD...
A... BILLION YEN...

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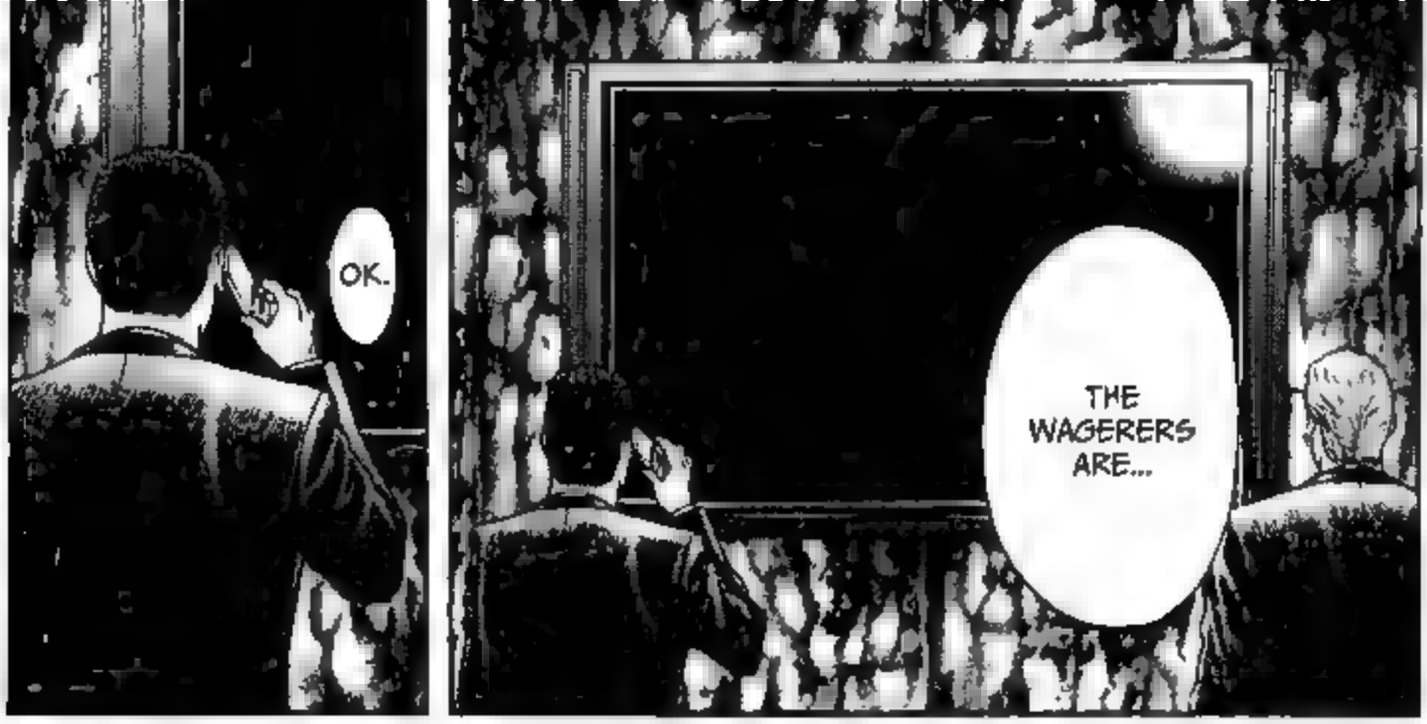
SURE, BASED ON THE NEGO-TIATION SYSTEM OF KAKEROU, AN ADULT MALE'S BODY IS WORTH 2 MILLION.
WHICH IS STILL INSUFFI-CIENT.
THAT, AND WHAT BAKU-SAMA REFERS TO AS GETTING HIS LIFE'S WORTH EVALUATED ARE TOTALLY DIFFERENT METHODS. IN OTHER WORDS...

WE WILL INVITE THE MAN OWNERS.
WILL THAT BE ACCEPTABLE FOR EVERY-ONE?

YES.
THAT IS WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT, GOOD JOB.
BY THE WAY, CAN'T YOU DO ANYTHING ABOUT THIS? IT WON'T STOP BLEED-ING..

?
MAN OWN-ERS?

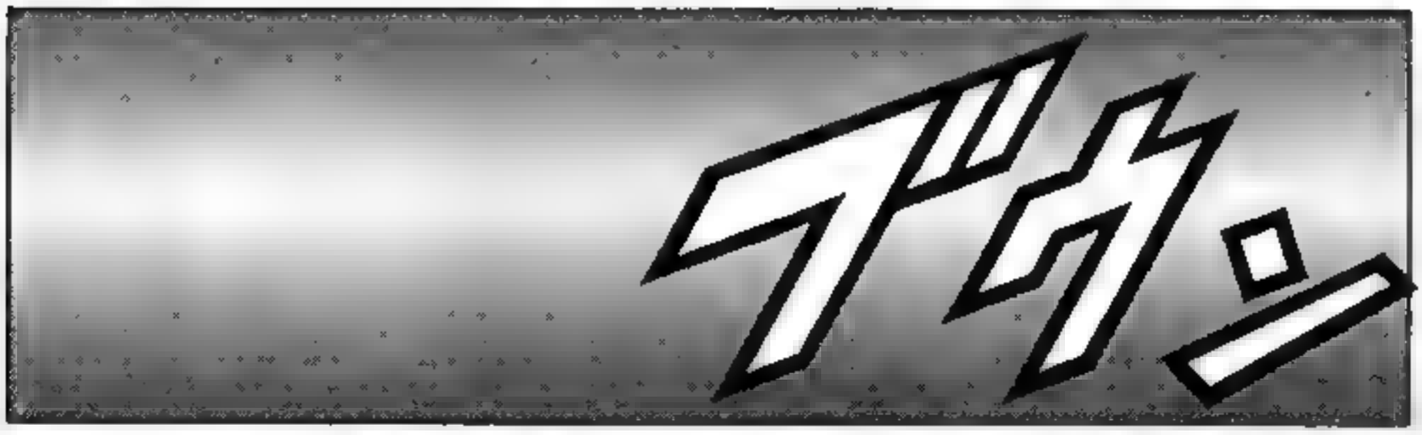
KAJI-CHAN.
IN SHORT, THE MAN OWNERS...
IN THIS GAME, THEY ARE THE PEOPLE THAT BECOME INVESTORS OF THE HORSE CALLED "ME."
ARE KIND OF LIKE HORSE OWNERS.
WELL, WE RECEIVE MONEY THAT KAKEROU COLLECTS FROM VARIOUS WEALTHY FELLOWS. IN THIS SYSTEM, IF WE WIN, THE INVESTORS GET THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS BACK, PLUS AN ADDITIONAL 30%.


OK.
THE WAGERERS ARE...

YOU WILL BE SPONSO-RING ME.
AHEM AHEM

THE PREPARA-TIONS ARE...
COMPLETE.

HMM? BUT WHAT IF WE LOSE?
...
THIS TIME IT LOOKS LIKE AN AMAZING SUM WILL BE COL-LECTED, SINCE IT'S FOR BAKU-SAN.
EVEN THOUGH I WAS ONLY VALUED AT 100 YEN BACK THEN.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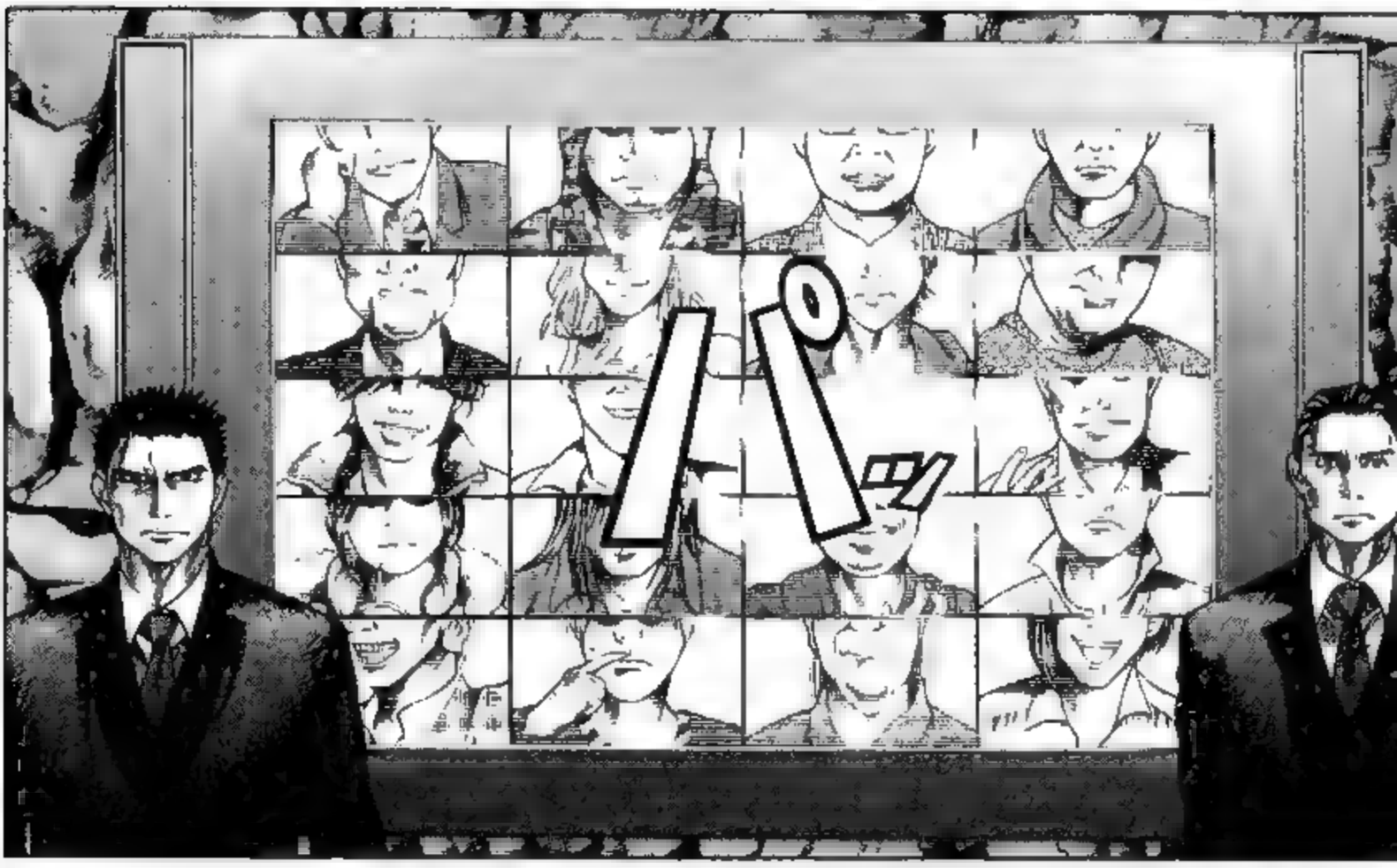
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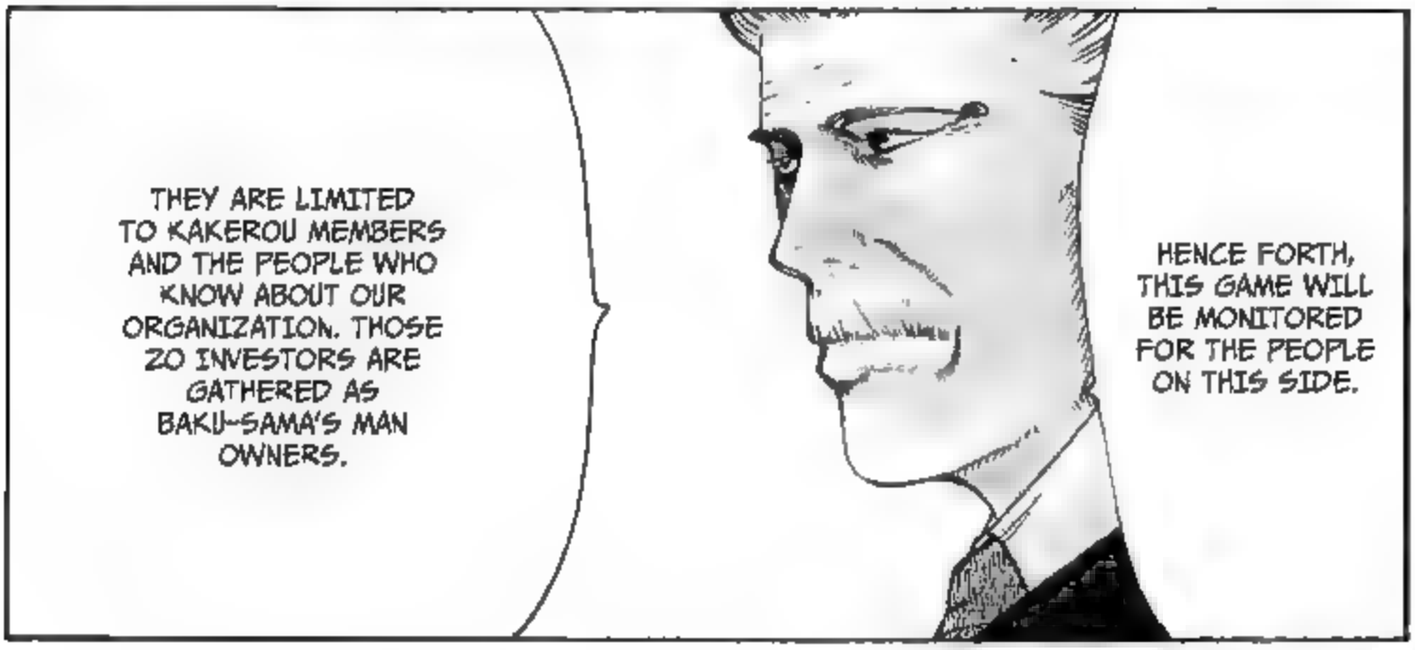
THEY ARE LIMITED TO KAKEROU MEMBERS AND THE PEOPLE WHO KNOW ABOUT OUR ORGANIZATION. THOSE 20 INVESTORS ARE GATHERED AS BAKU-SAMA'S MAN OWNERS.
HENCE FORTH, THIS GAME WILL BE MONITORED FOR THE PEOPLE ON THIS SIDE.

I PRAY IT WILL REACH AS NEAR A BILLION AS POSSIBLE.
I SEE...
YOU THINK OF INTERESTING THINGS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, ARE YOU READY?
MADARAME BAKU-SAMA.
THE RECIPIENT OF CONTRI-BUTIONS FROM OUR DEAR INVESTORS IS...

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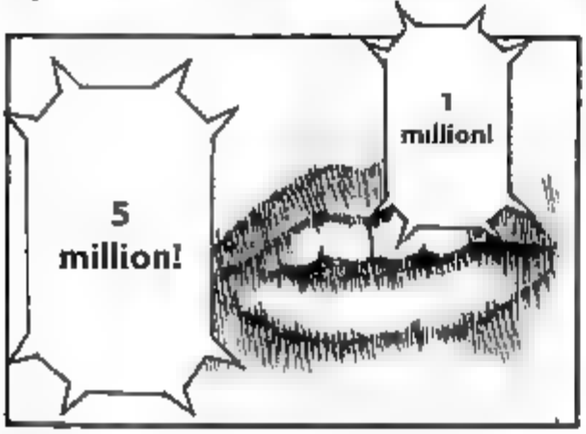
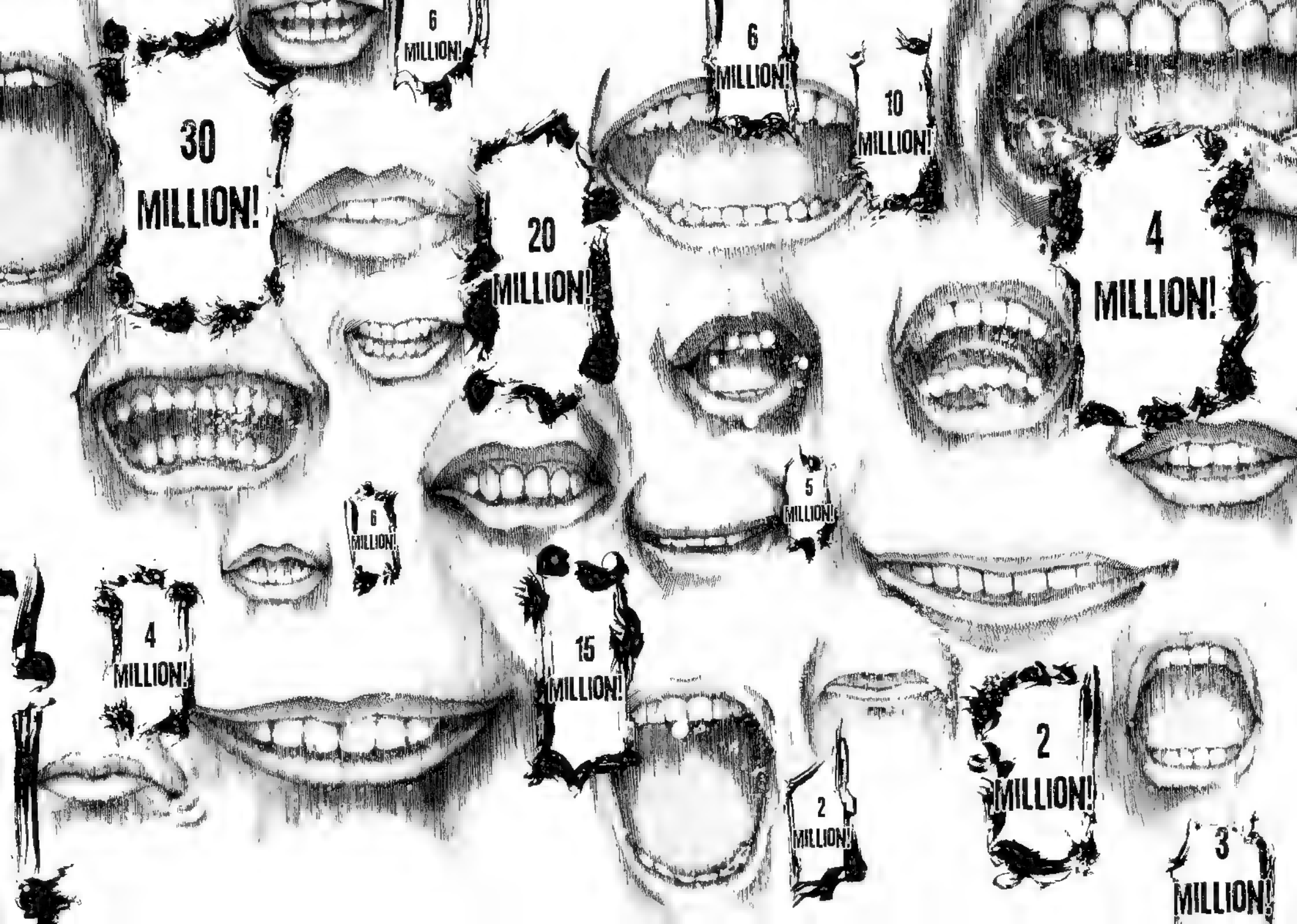

5 million!
1 million!

THEN...
START.


6 MILLION!
6 MILLION!
30 MILLION!
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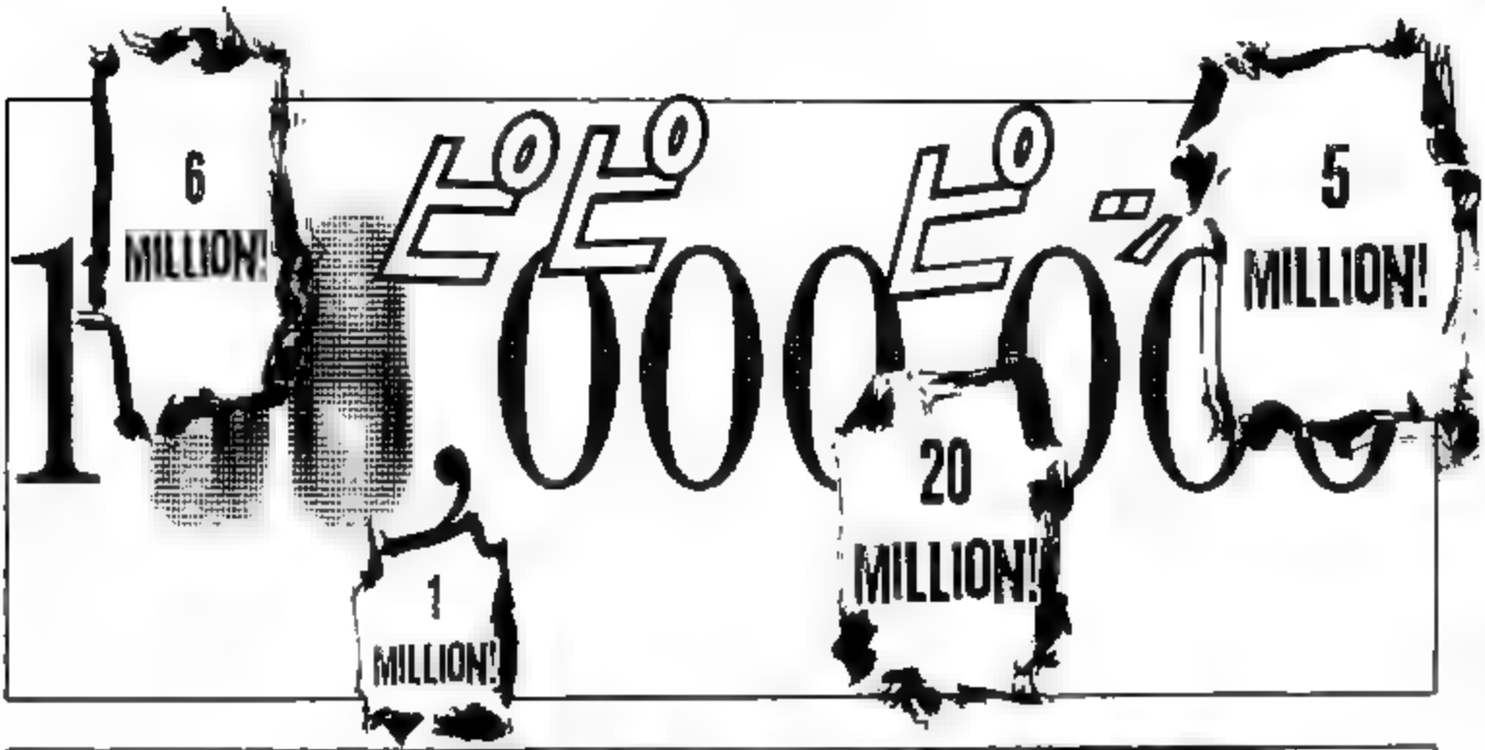
6 MILLION!
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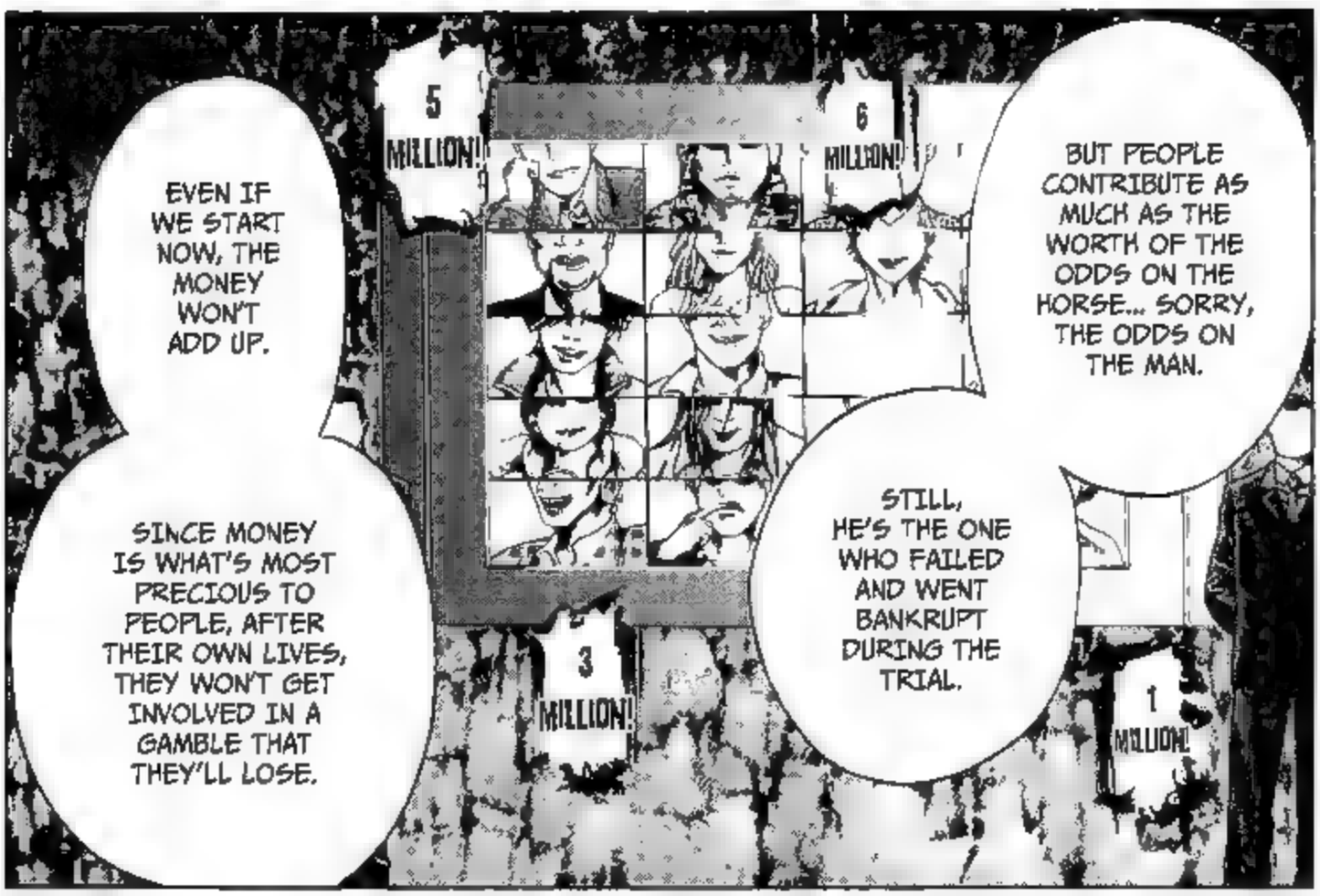
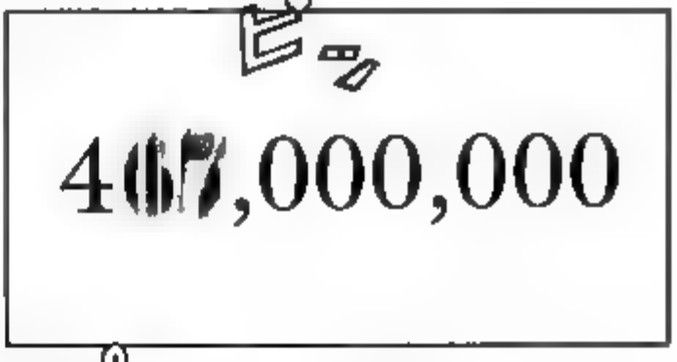
5 MILLION!
1 MILLION!
20 MILLION!

HE ACQUIRED OVER A BILLION IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE... IT REMINDS ME OF THE YOUNG BILLIONAIRE OF AN IT BUSINESS THAT INVESTED OVER A QUADRILLION IN VALUE FOR A PLAYER IN THIS SYSTEM.
AS EXPECTED FROM USOGUI.
OH MY...


EVEN IF WE START NOW, THE MONEY WON'T ADD UP.
5 MILLION!
6 MILLION!
BUT PEOPLE CONTRIBUTE AS MUCH AS THE WORTH OF THE ODDS ON THE HORSE... SORRY, THE ODDS ON THE MAN.
SINCE MONEY IS WHAT'S MOST PRECIOUS TO PEOPLE, AFTER THEIR OWN LIVES, THEY WON'T GET INVOLVED IN A GAMBLE THAT THEY'LL LOSE.
STILL, HE'S THE ONE WHO FAILED AND WENT BANKRUPT DURING THE TRIAL.
3 MILLION!
1 MILLION!

WHO DON'T WISH FOR THE HORSE'S VICTORY, BUT HAVE DIFFERENT MOTIVES FOR INVESTING.
STILL, THERE ARE SOME MEMBERS...

THE MEMBERS WHO HEARD THE RUMORS OF SADAKUNI DON'T WANT TO TAKE UP THIS GAMBLE AS MUCH...
IT DIDN'T PILE UP AS HIGH AS I EXPECTED... IT IT MIGHT'VE BEEN POSSIBLE FOR USOGUI IN THE PAST.
WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO FORCE THE GAMBLE WITH THIS LEVEL OF WAGER.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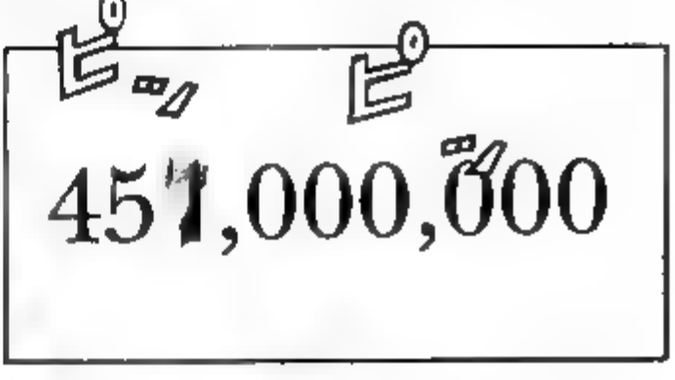
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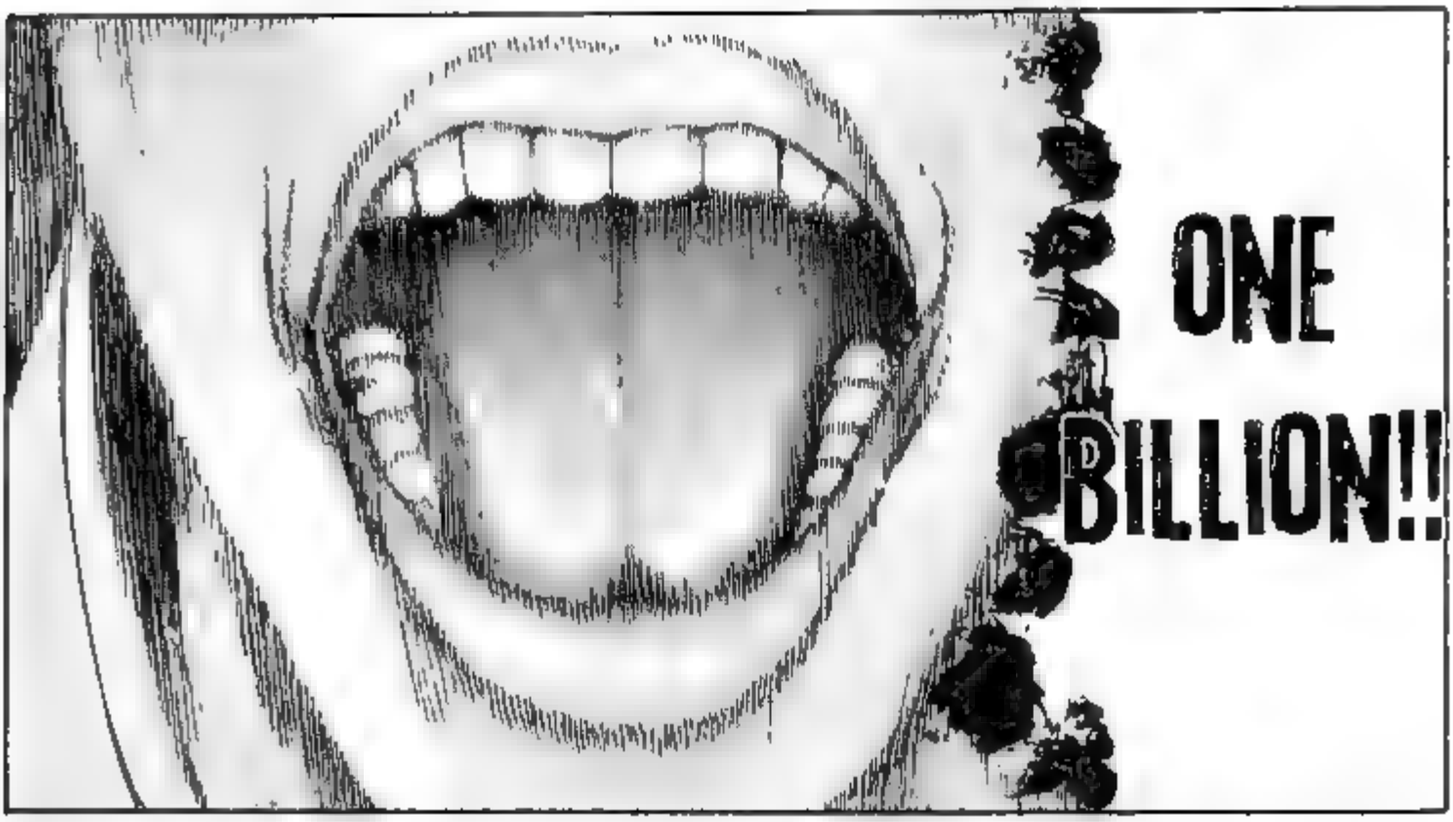
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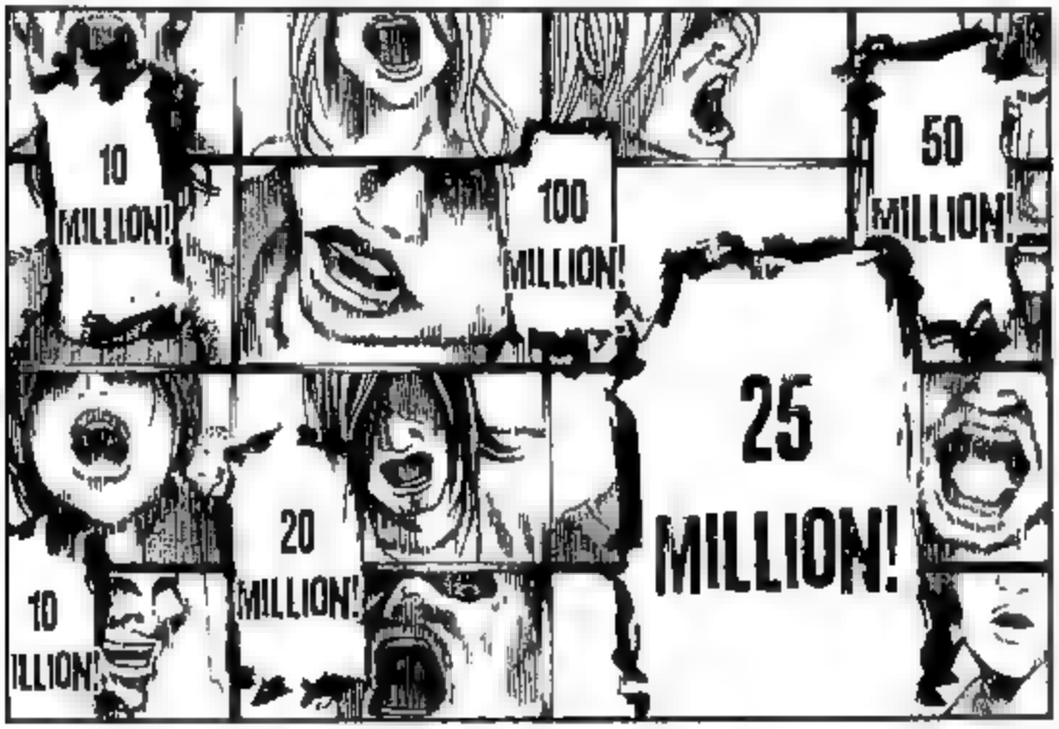
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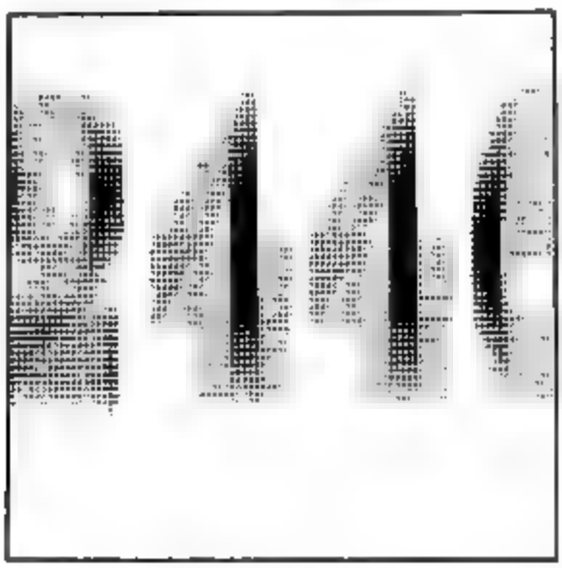

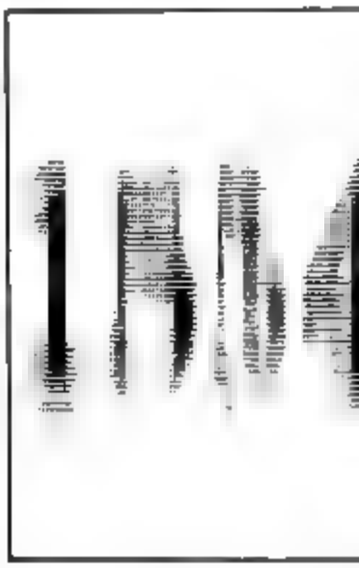

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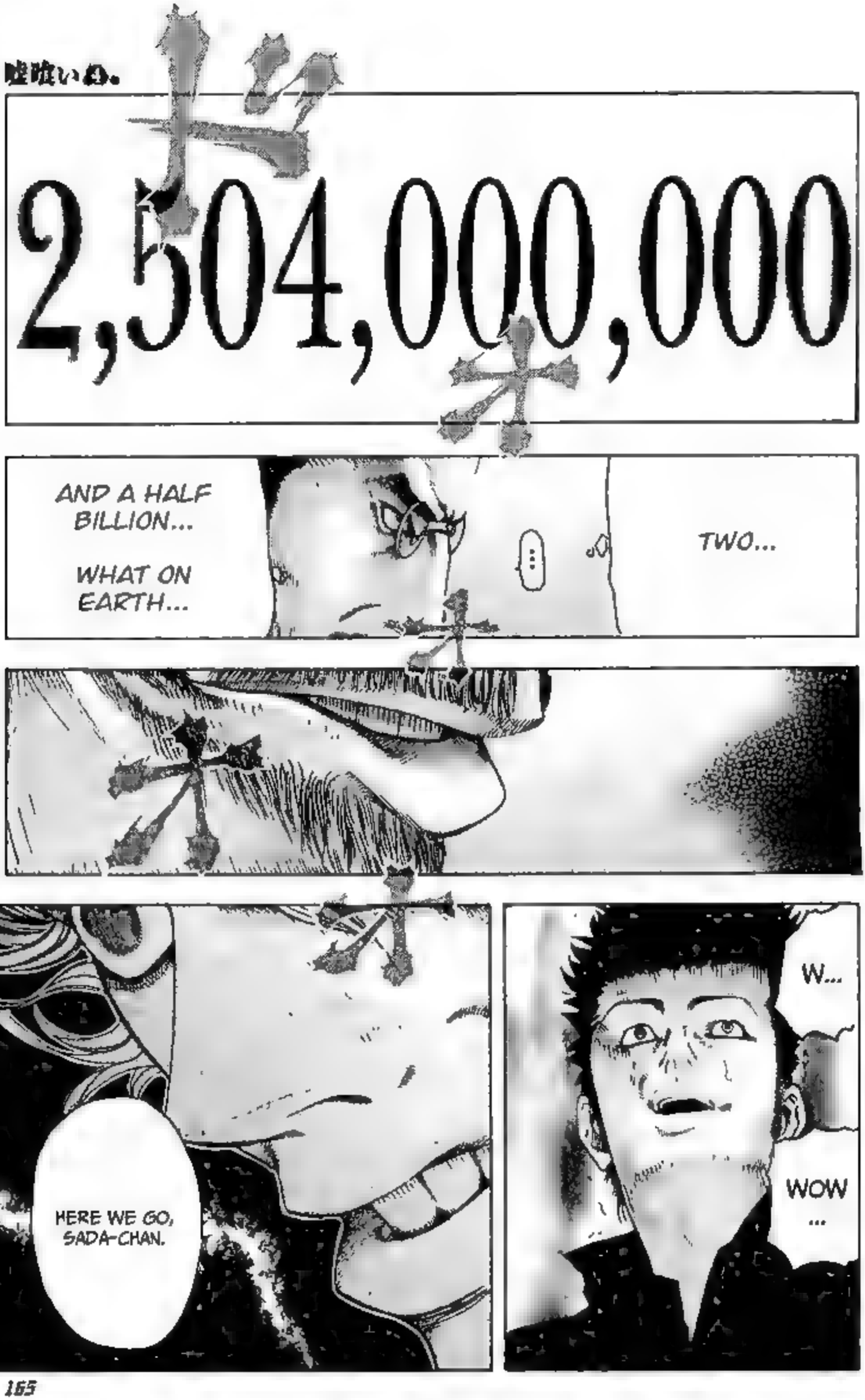
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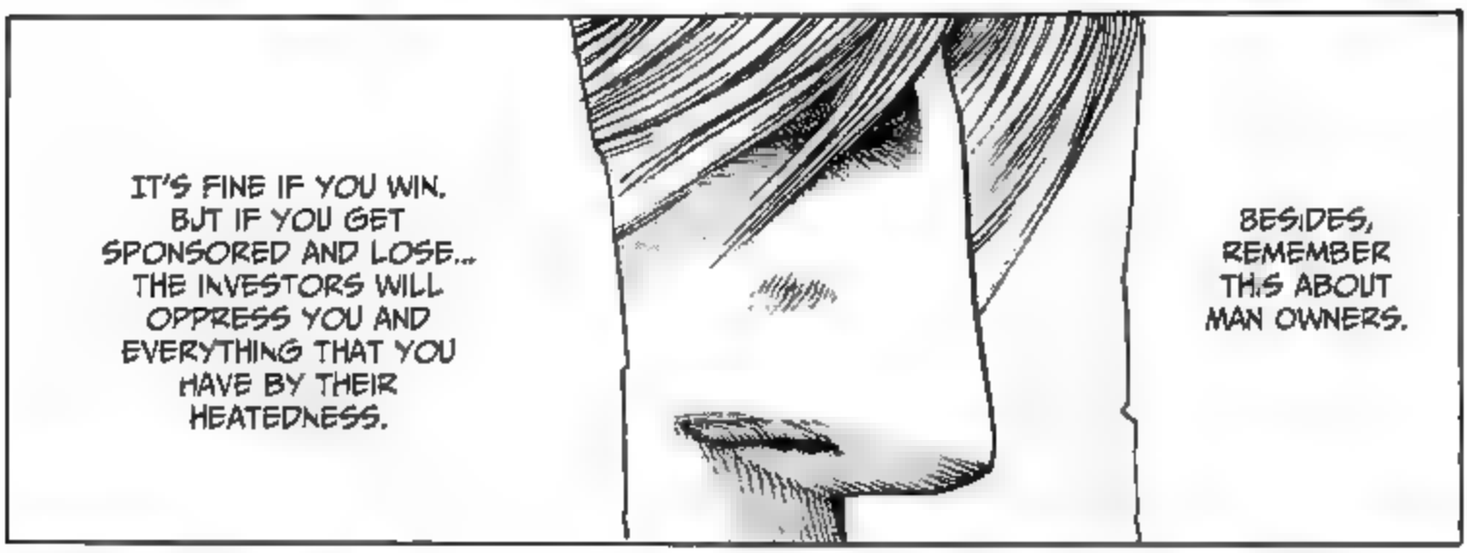
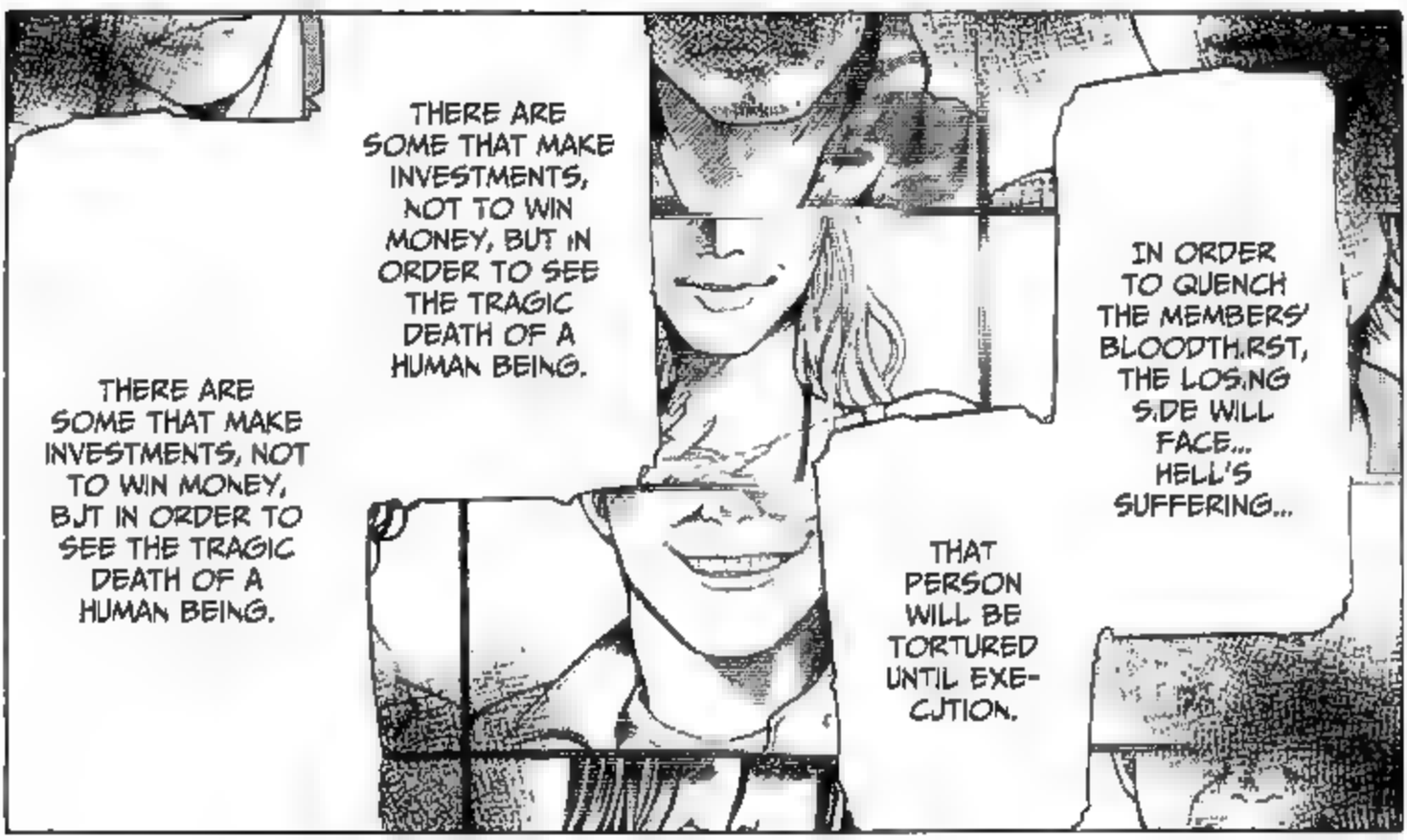
AND A HALF BILLION...
WHAT ON EARTH...
TWO...
HERE WE GO, SADA-CHAN.
W...
WOW ...

THIS TIME IT'S YOU...
WHO IS SHORT OF MONEY, RIGHT?

HE PROPOSES THAT, BUT A MERE ONE BILLION IS ENOUGH FOR THE GAME AGAINST USOGUI. HE IS TESTING YOU TO SEE IF YOU INTEND TO GAMBLE OR NOT.
SADAKUNI-SAMA, PLEASE THINK ABOUT THIS MATTER CAREFULLY.
HOW ABOUT YOU ASK FOR SOME INVESTORS LIKE ME?
HAHA... YEAH!


IT'S FINE IF YOU WIN. BUT IF YOU GET SPONSORED AND LOSE... THE INVESTORS WILL OPPRESS YOU AND EVERYTHING THAT YOU HAVE BY THEIR HEATEDNESS.
BESIDES, REMEMBER THIS ABOUT MAN OWNERS.


THERE ARE SOME THAT MAKE INVESTMENTS, NOT TO WIN MONEY, BUT IN ORDER TO SEE THE TRAGIC DEATH OF A HUMAN BEING.
THERE ARE SOME THAT MAKE INVESTMENTS, NOT TO WIN MONEY, BUT IN ORDER TO SEE THE TRAGIC DEATH OF A HUMAN BEING.
IN ORDER TO QUENCH THE MEMBERS' BLOODTHIRST, THE LOSING SIDE WILL FACE... HELL'S SUFFERING...
THAT PERSON WILL BE TORTURED UNTIL EXECUTION.

You're right... I did place one billion on him.
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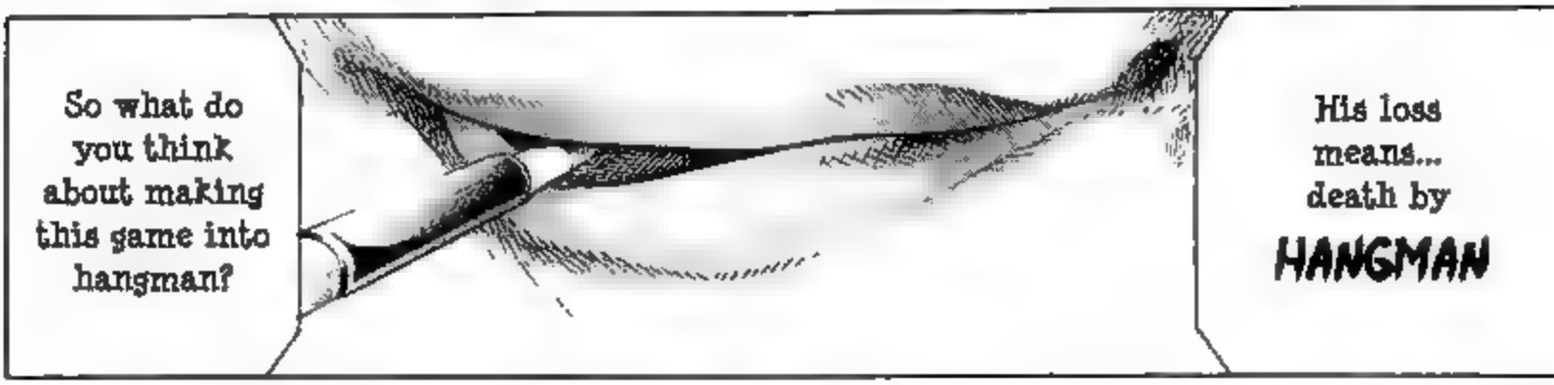
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE US TO DO IN CASE OF BAKU-SAMA'S LOSS?
NOW, DEAR INVES-TORS...


So what do you think about making this game into hangman?
His loss means... death by HANGMAN

HANG MAN
HANG MAN
Hang-man, I see!
Oo oh !

HANG MAN
HANG MAN
HANG MAN
HANG-MAN

HANG-
MAN!
HANG-
MAN!
HANG-
MAN!
HANG-
MAN!
WHAT IS HANGMAN?
...?
HANG-
MAN!
...
HANG-
MAN!
HANG-
MAN!
CONSE-
NSUS...
NOW THIS IS TROUBLE-SOME.
HANG-
MAN!
HANG-
MAN!
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WHO SAID GRANTING A BILLION YEN INVESTMENT IS A VALID REASON?
IT WAS AT BAKU-SAMA'S DISCRETION THAT THE MAN OWNERS WERE GATHERED... ALLOWING THEM TO USE THAT AS A REASON TO DECIDE THE GAME IS NOTHING BUT A MISDIRECTION.
NOT OUR SIDE.
REFEREE MEKAMA.
THE SIDE THAT CAN'T COME TO AN AGREEMENT IS...
NOW I GUESS IT WILL BE YOUR SIDE THAT WILL TRY TO RAISE FUNDS BY ANY MEANS... BUT, WILL SADAKUNI-SAMA...
BAKU-SAMA HAD TO CHOOSE THE RISKY METHOD BY CALLING IN THE MAN OWNERS IN ORDER TO RAISE MONEY.
REGARDING THE FACT THAT YOUR SIDE EXPRESSED A DISSATISFACTION OF THE 50 MILLION WAGER,

WITH AN UPPER LIMIT OF 1.5 BILLION TO COVER THE DIFFERENCE? BUT...
GATHER THE MAN OWNERS LIKE BAKU-SAMA DID-
SENILE OLD MAN.
ONLY IF THAT SUM CAN BE COLLECTED...
I DON'T CARE ABOUT IT.
!
YAKOU-SAN, IT'S ALRIGHT, REALLY,

I'LL TAKE OUT 2.5 BILLION IN CASE HE WINS.
HE'S FINE WITH JUST ONE BILLION.

THOUGH WHAT I CAN WIN WILL BE LOWER...
...
WELL, IT'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
AFTER ALL, THIS IS...

WAIT A SECOND... BAKU-SAN WILL GIVE 30% OF THE WINNINGS TO THE INVESTORS, RIGHT?
.....
EH?

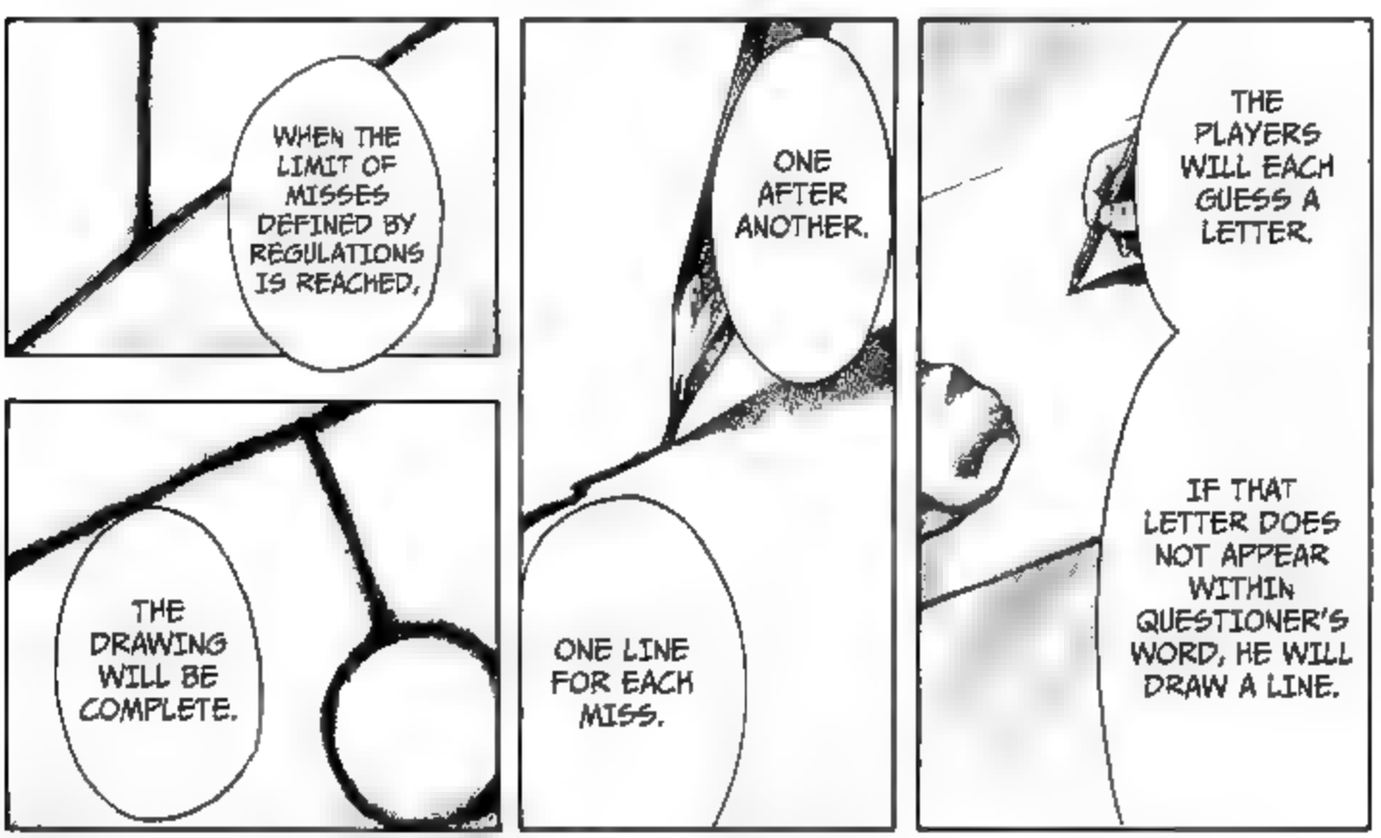
WE CAN STILL GET 750 MILLION BACK AS LONG AS WE CAN TAKE THAT ONE BILLION.
SO, EVEN IF BAKU-SAN MADE THE BET ON HIS LIFE, HE COULDN'T HAVE MADE EVEN 10% OF THAT.

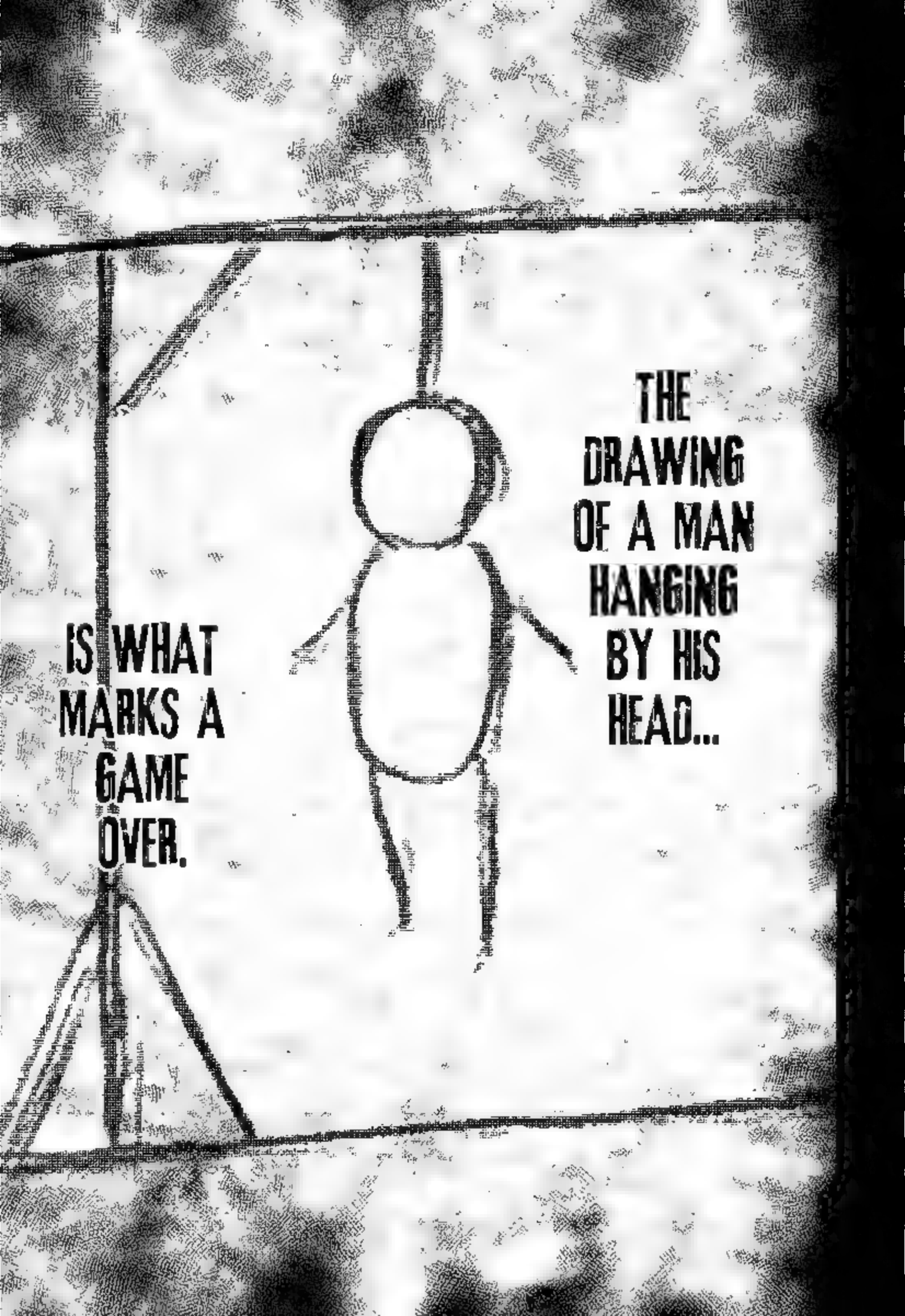
A GAME THAT I WILL WIN!

PLEASE THINK CAREFULLY...
SADAKUNI-SAMA
.....

THIS WAS ORIGINALLY BE WORD GAME, WHICH WAS TO BE PLAYED WITH PENCIL AND PAPER...
ABOUT THE GAME THE INVESTORS REFER TO AS HANGMAN...

AND YOU WILL TRY TO GUESS THIS WORD.
HANGMAN
IT IS A GAME YOU WILL TRY TO FIGURE OUT A WORD THAT INVESTORS DECIDE IN PRIVATE,


WHEN THE LIMIT OF MISSES DEFINED BY REGULATIONS IS REACHED,
THE DRAWING WILL BE COMPLETE.
ONE AFTER ANOTHER.
ONE LINE FOR EACH MISS.
THE PLAYERS WILL EACH GUESS A LETTER.
IF THAT LETTER DOES NOT APPEAR WITHIN QUESTIONER'S WORD, HE WILL DRAW A LINE.


THE DRAWING OF A MAN HANGING BY HIS HEAD...
IS WHAT MARKS A GAME OVER.

LOSING BECAUSE OF A COMPLETED DRAWING... IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO END JUST LIKE THAT!
HUH?
N NO WAY..

WHAT TURNS THE ACT OF HANGING INTO REALITY IS KAKEROU'S VERSION OF
HANG-MAN.
WE WILL DISCUSS TOGETHER THE PROCEEDINGS UP TO THE HANGING. BUT ONE THING IS CERTAIN; ONE LOSS ON EITHER SIDE DETERMINES THE FINALE.

IS WHERE YOU WILL BE HUNG, WITH YOUR EXCRETA SPILLING ALL OVER.
THE GALLOWS WE BUILD WITH OUR OWN HANDS

THERE'S NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS AND THE MASSACRE THAT HAPPENS AFTER YOU LOSE AFTER A MAN OWNER'S INVEST IN YOU.
LOSING MEANS DEATH, SO
.....

I DON'T CARE!
PLEASE THINK THIS OVER...

THAT CHORD WILL CHOKE THAT MAN'S THROAT WHILE THAT MONEY BECOMES OUR PROVISION.

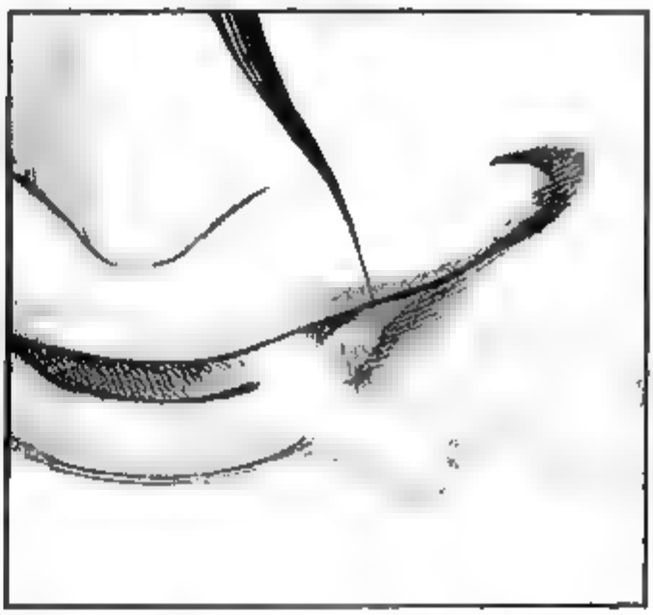
.....
PEOPLE ARE GIVEN LIFE, AND THAT LIFE IS GIVEN A MISSION.
IT CAN BE ANY KIND OF WORTHLESS DEATH, BUT WHEN A MAN IS CALLED BY DEATH, THAT'S THE END.

FOR THIS ENDING... FOR THE SAKE OF THAT MOMENT...
HE IS ALLOWED TO LIVE! FOR NOTHING ELSE!!!

THIS ONLY MEANS... WE HAVE A MUTUAL HATRED.

LET'S CONTINUE WITH AGREEING ON DETAILED RULES AND THE METHODS TO USE UNTIL THE HANGING.
THEN
BOTH SIDES AGREED ON THE GAME OF HANGMAN WITHOUT ANY OBJECTIONS.

YOU MADE A FOOL OF ME...
THAT WILL RATHER BE YOUR LAST MOMENT.



HEH... HEH HEH HE
IT'S FINE IF USOGUI WINS~
BUT WE MIGHT SEE SOMETHING GOOD IF HE LOSES... AS FOR SADAKUNI... THAT GUY WILL DIE ANYWAY.
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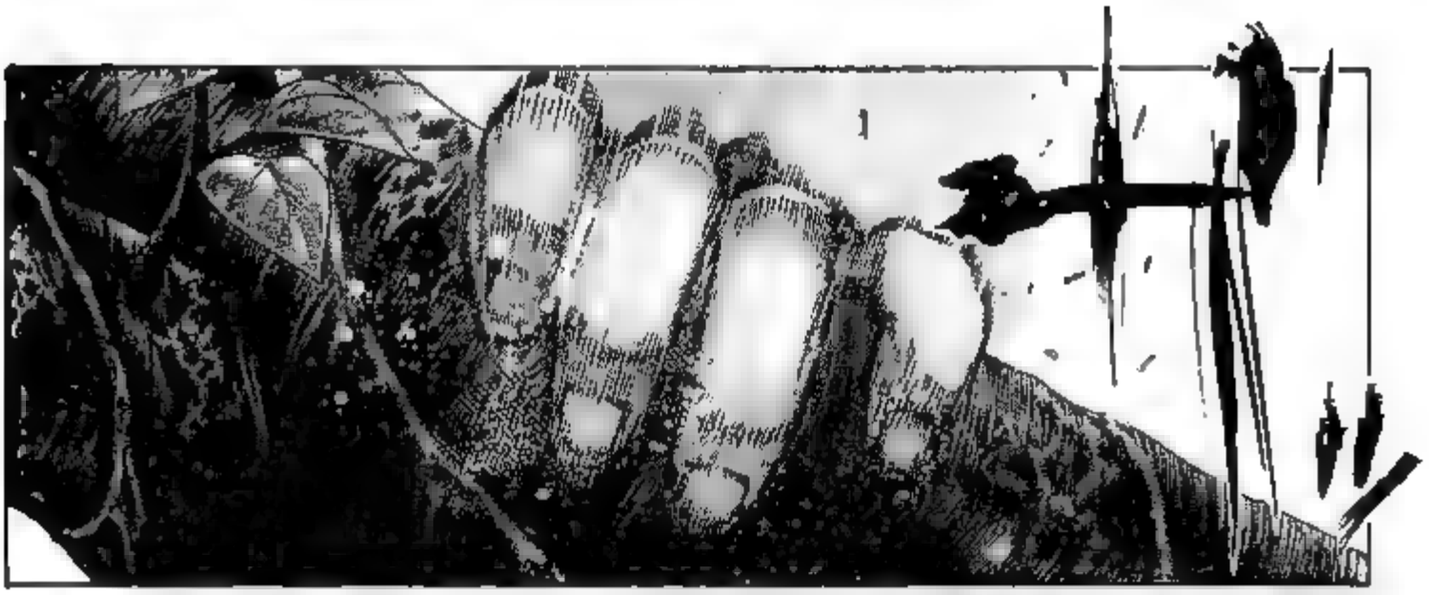
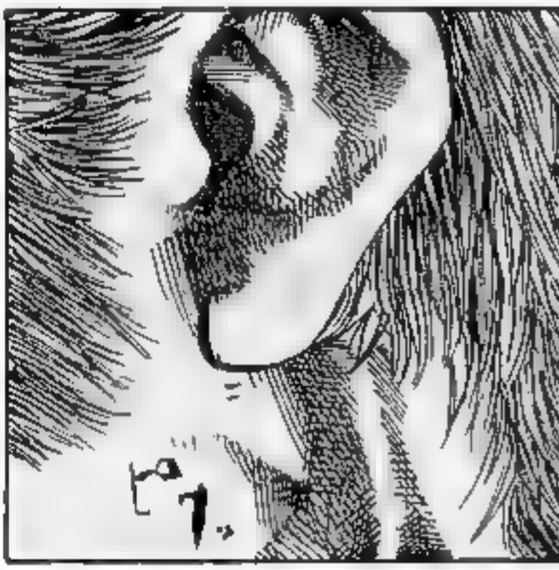
I HAVE ANOTHER JOB FOR YOU, MAA-KUN.
HAH
HUFF
HAH

GO STRAIGHT THROUGH THE TUNNEL OVER THE MOUNTAIN.
AH!

YOU ARE GOING TO THE OPPOSITE SIDE!





IS SOME-THING COMING THIS WAY?

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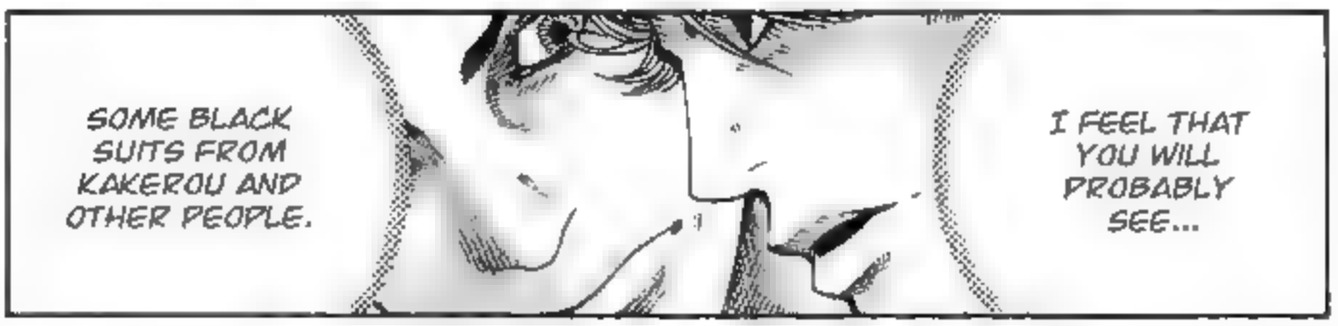
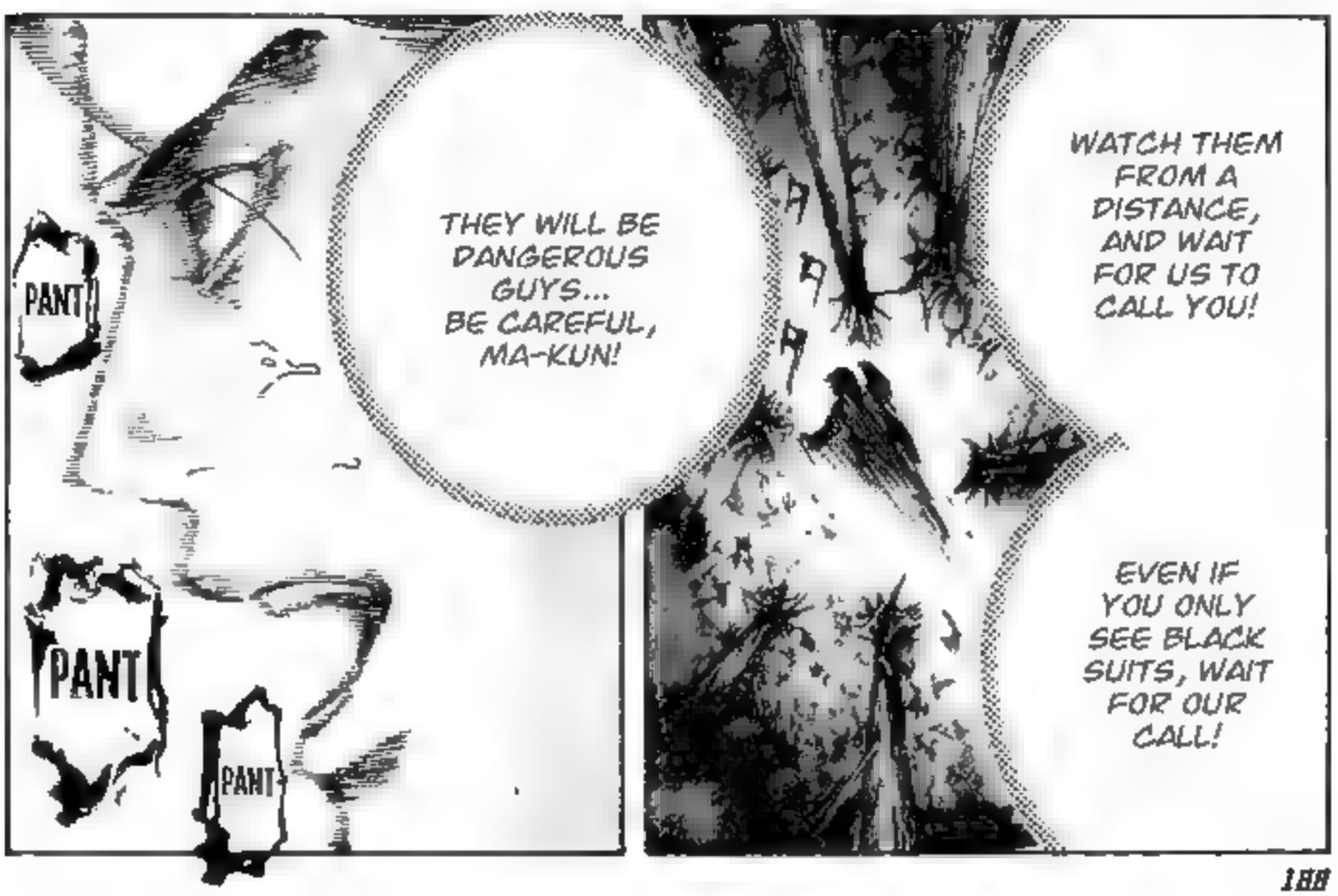
MA-KUN WILL...
GO TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS TUNNEL!


SOME BLACK SUITS FROM KAKEROU AND OTHER PEOPLE.
I FEEL THAT YOU WILL PROBABLY SEE...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THEY WILL BE DANGEROUS GUYS... BE CAREFUL, MA-KUN!
WATCH THEM FROM A DISTANCE, AND WAIT FOR US TO CALL YOU!
EVEN IF YOU ONLY SEE BLACK SUITS, WAIT FOR OUR CALL!

...WHAT'S THAT?

JUDGING BY THE DIRECTION HE'S COMING FROM, HE SHOULD BE ONE OF THE MEN WORKING UNDER THE REFEREE ON USOGUI'S SIDE...
WHAT'S HE DOING HERE?
IS THAT A BLACK SUIT FROM KAKEROU?

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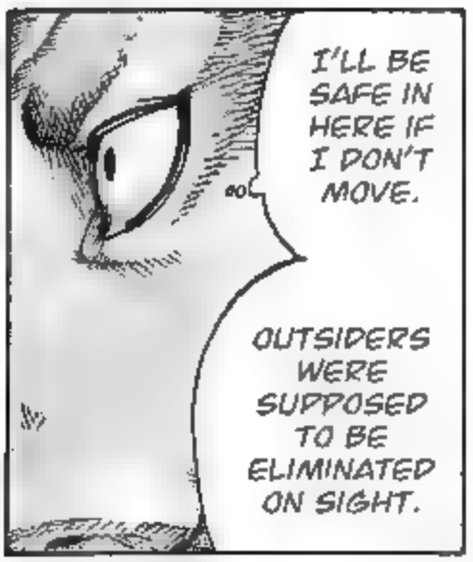
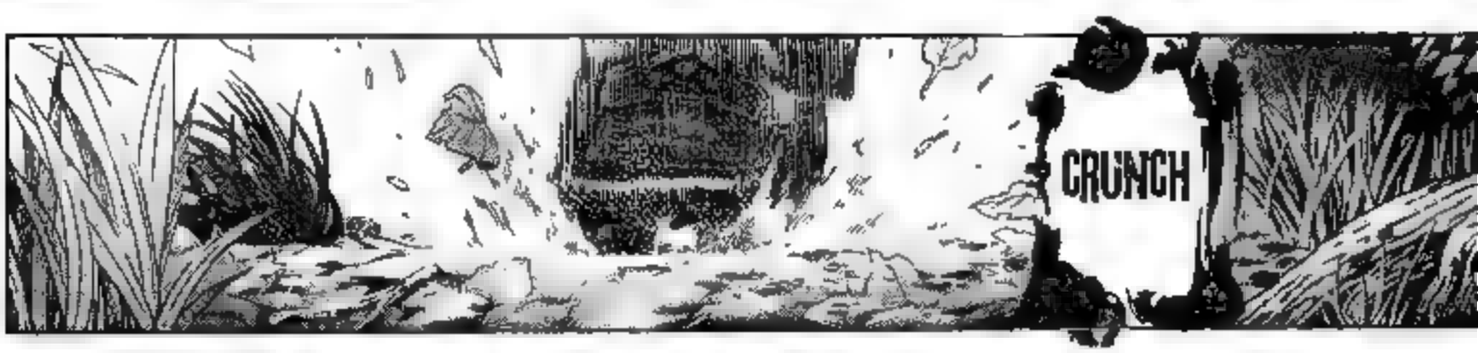
WHA...


I'LL BE SAFE IN HERE IF I DON'T MOVE.
OUTSIDERS WERE SUPPOSED TO BE ELIMINATED ON SIGHT.

MY PRESENCE...? NO WAY...
UH...
DID HE NOTICE


CRUNCH

HE'S COMING...
SHOULD I GET RID OF HIM?
NO CHOICE... I CAN'T AFFORD TO BE FOUND OUT.

CRUNCH
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
HE SHOULDN'T KNOW WHERE I AM YET
I'LL DISPOSE HIM IN A SECOND!
!!

HUH?
WHAT THE... HE'S JUST PISSING...
WHY DID HE PULL HIS PANTS ALL THE WAY DOWN ..?

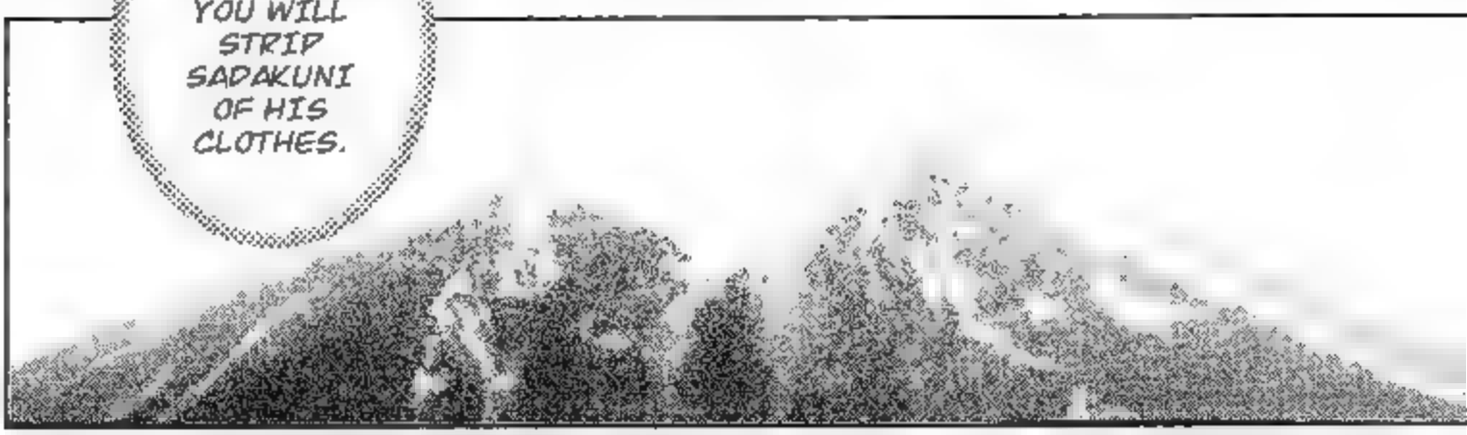
MAYBE I SHOULD KEEP ON PURSUING HIM...
IS HIS DESTINATION THE SAME AS MINE...?
WE MAY HAVE SOMETHING IN COMMON ..
THE DIRECTION HE'S FACING IS TOWARDS THE TUNNEL AT SADAKUNI'S SIDE.

NO WAY...
.....

AS EXPECTED, HE'S DOING SOMETHING DARING.
THAT ANNOYING BRAT FROM BACK THEN IS SADAKUNI...?
ENTERING JAPAN WHILE THE POLICE CARRY OUT A NATION-WIDE SEARCH TO CATCH HIM...

HE MUST BE PLOTTING SOMETHING... REGARDLESS, I...
SEEMS HE NEEDS A FORTUNE.
HE HAS A SHADOW FOLLOWING HIM RIGHT NOW... AND IT SEEMS LIKE THE GAME WILL START SOON. FOR SOME REASON... SADAKUNI IS IN A HURRY.

WON'T BE SATISFIED UNTIL I SNATCH EVERY-THING HE HAS AND DISPOSE OF HIM.


LEO... FIRST YOU WILL STRIP SADAKUNI OF HIS CLOTHES.

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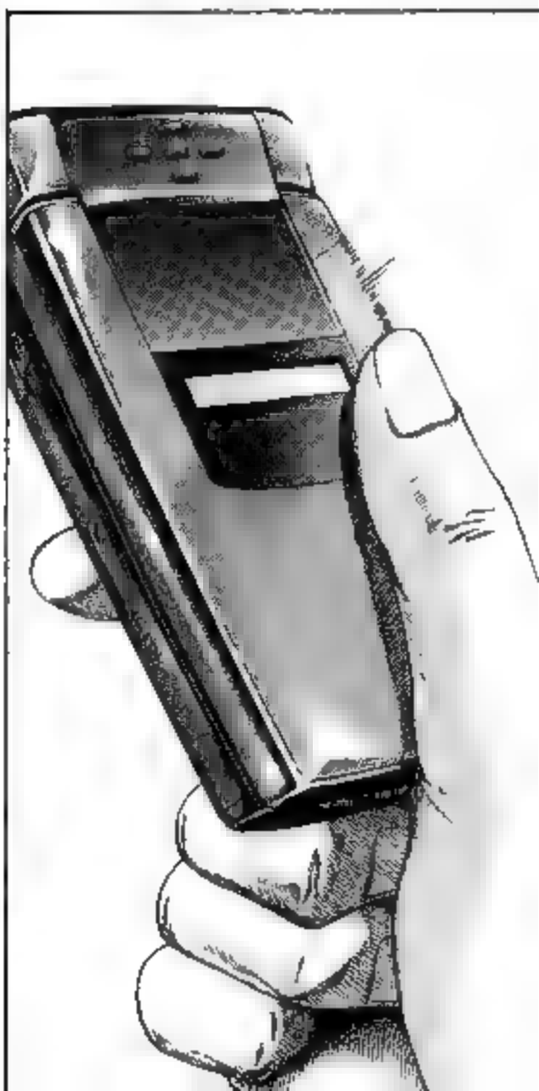
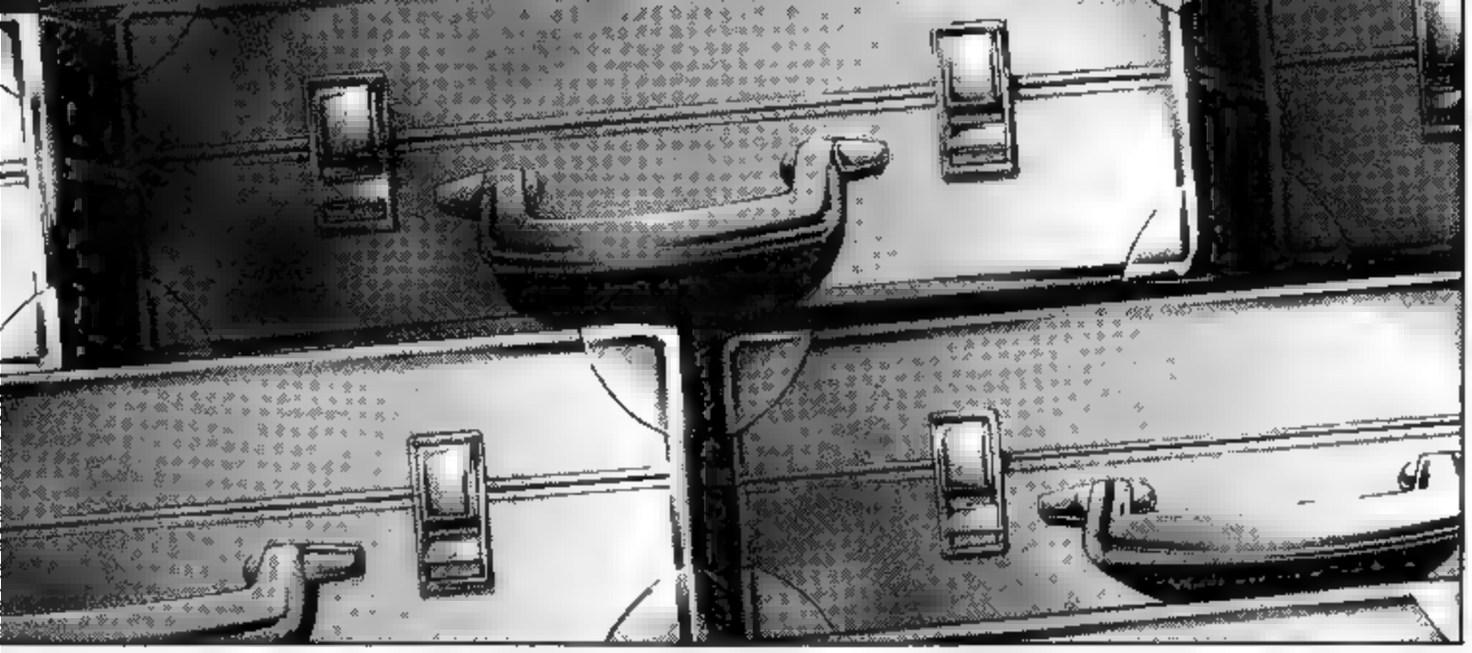
THE MONEY RECEIVED FROM THE INVESTORS HAS BEEN VALIDATED
REFEREE MEKAMA
THEREFORE, BAKU-SAMA'S BETTING MONEY IS READY IN HERE.





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YEN.
IT IS

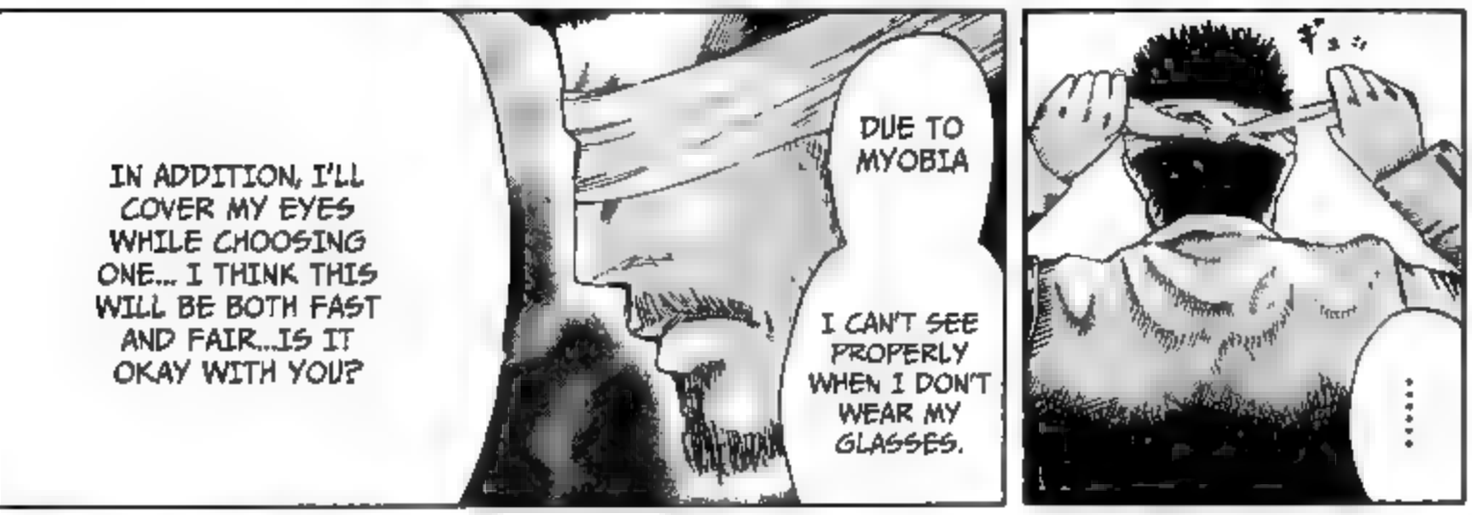
SADAKUNI-SAMA'S BETTING MONEY, ONE BILLION, IS PREPARED.
LIKE-WISE

ALL THE NECESSARY TOOLS ARE PRESENT
THE REST HAS TO BE DECIDED AND AGREED BY BOTH SIDES.

CONTI-NUING ON...
WE WILL DISCUSS THE RULES OF THE GAME.

I MADE THE ARRANGEMENT TO CHOOSE TOTAL NUMBER OF TURNS OF THIS HANGMAN GAME

ISN'T THERE ANYTHING THAT WE CAN USE TO COVER OUR EYES?
THAT IS A TROUBLESOME DECISION MAKING METHOD...
CRATTLE...
CHE-CKING THINGS TOGE-THER, HUH...


IN ADDITION, I'LL COVER MY EYES WHILE CHOOSING ONE... I THINK THIS WILL BE BOTH FAST AND FAIR...IS IT OKAY WITH YOU?
DUE TO MYOBIA
I CAN'T SEE PROPERLY WHEN I DON'T WEAR MY GLASSES.
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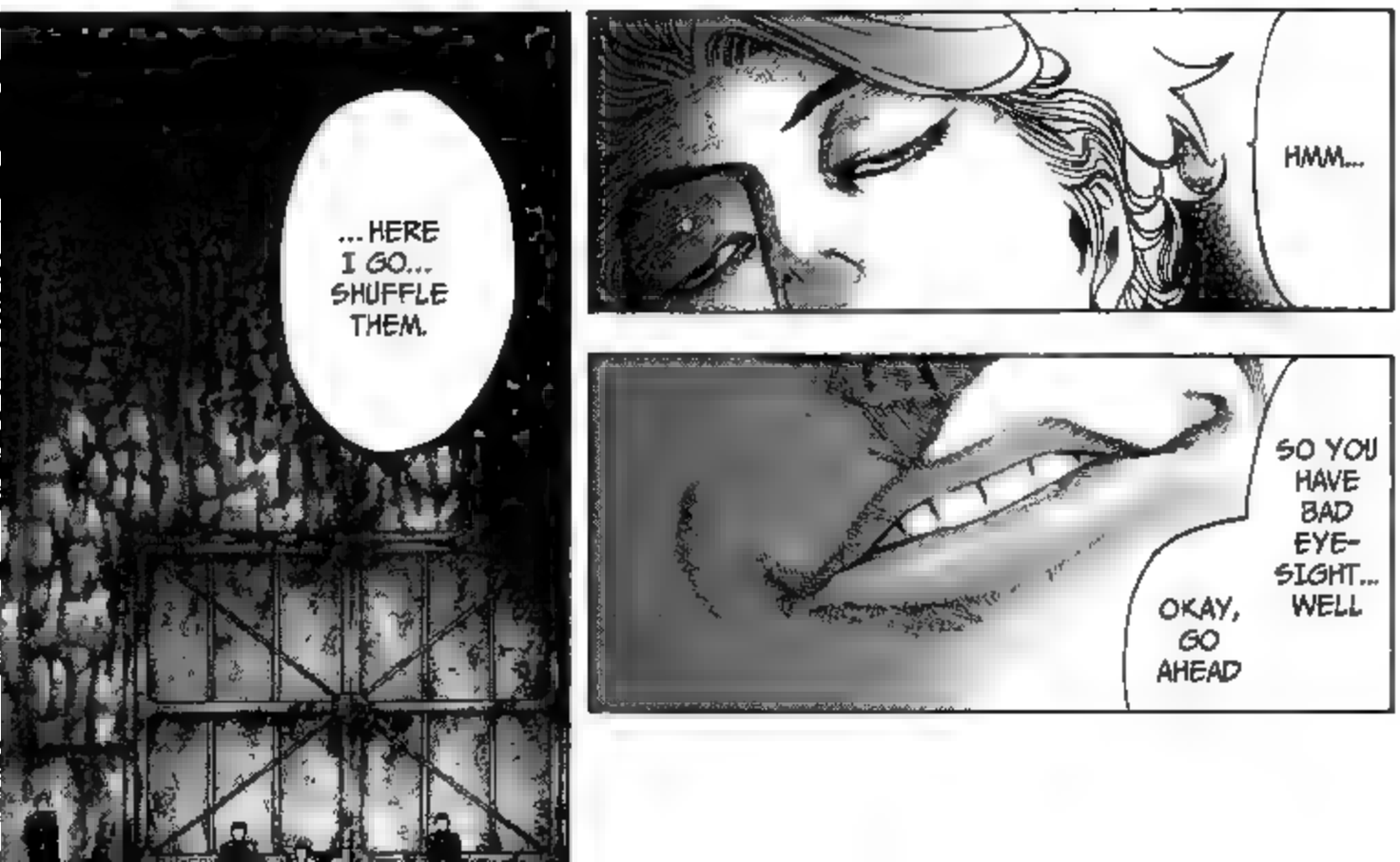
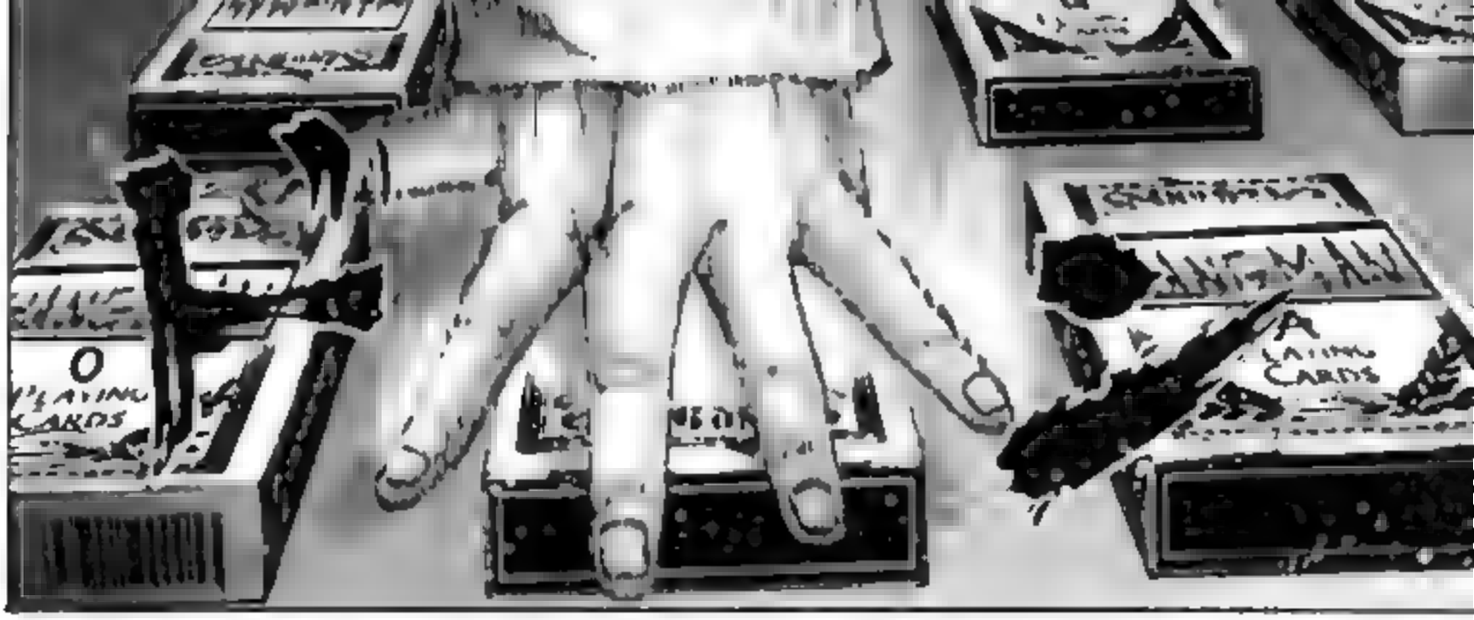

...HERE I GO... SHUFFLE THEM.
HMM...
SO YOU HAVE BAD EYE-SIGHT... WELL
OKAY, GO AHEAD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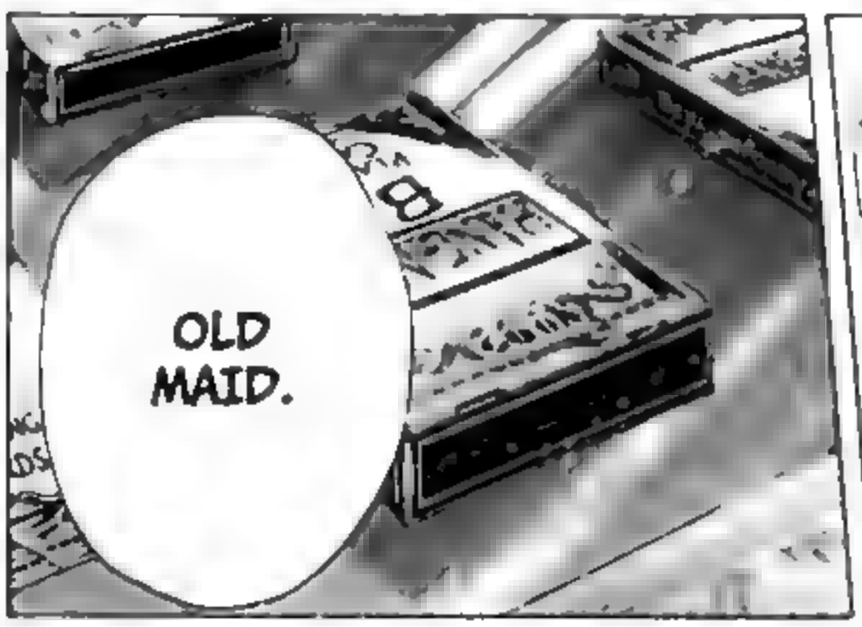
OLD MAID.

SADAKUNI-SAMA CHOSE GAME B.
THAT GAME GOES BY THE NAME...

OLD MAID...
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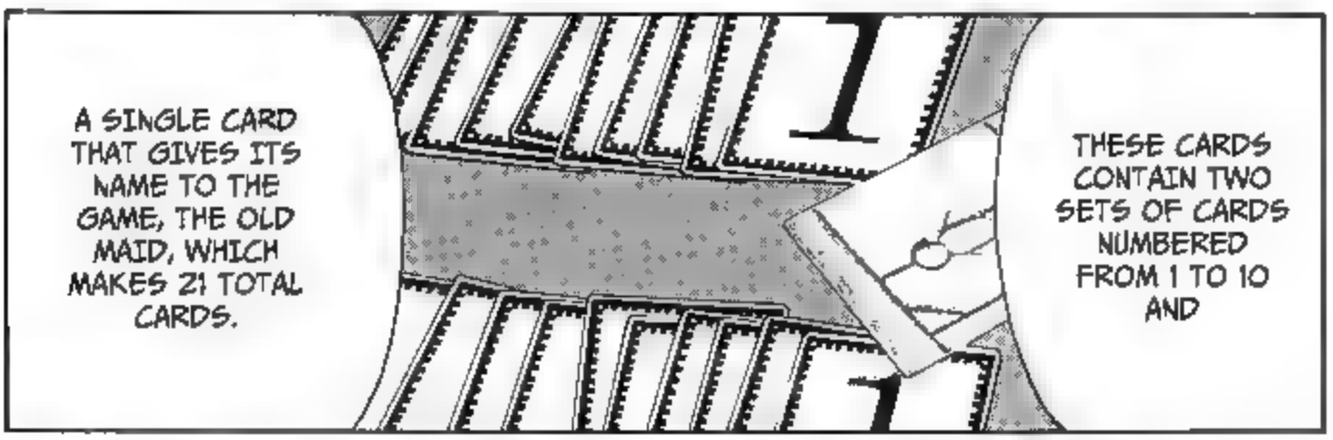
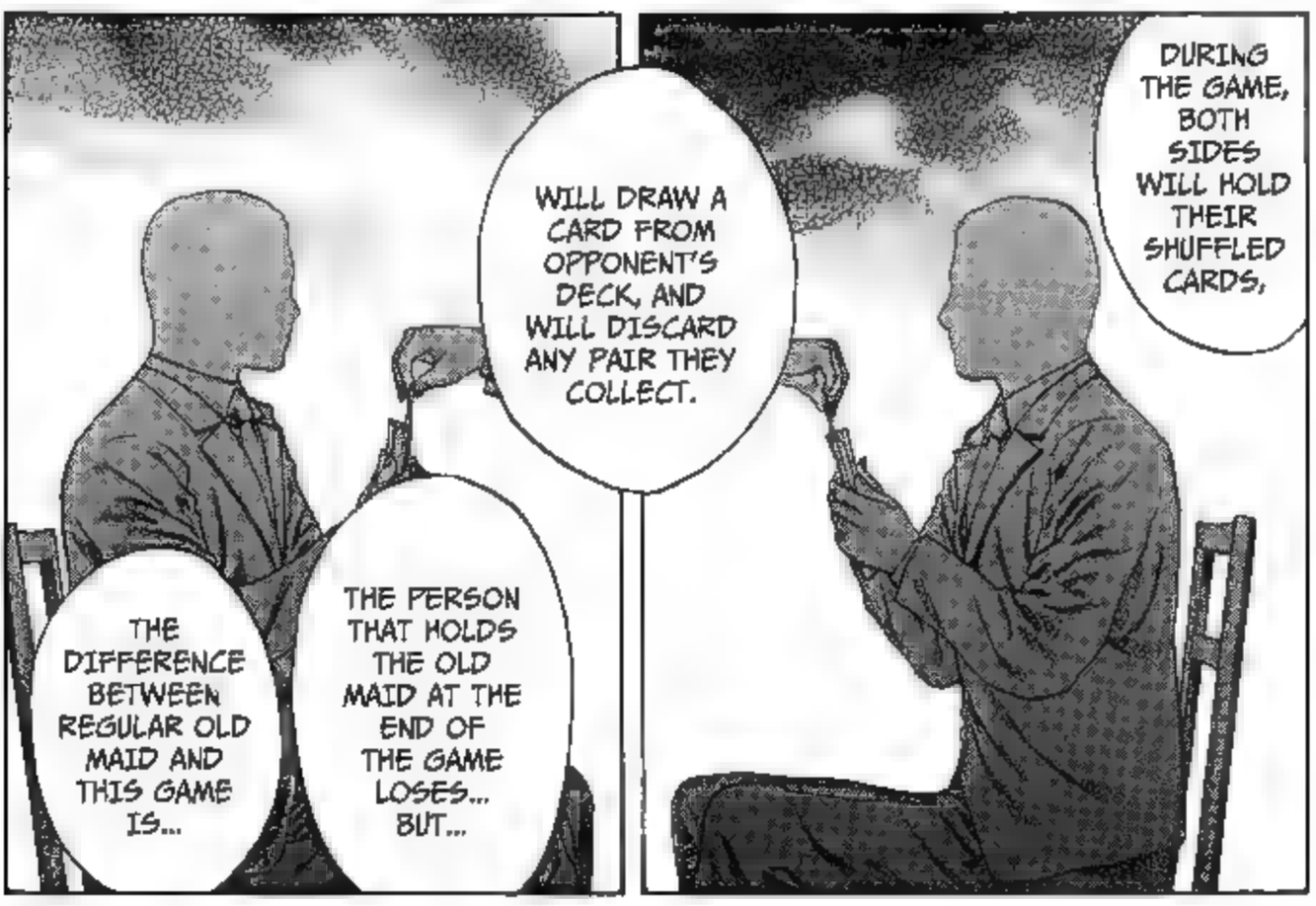
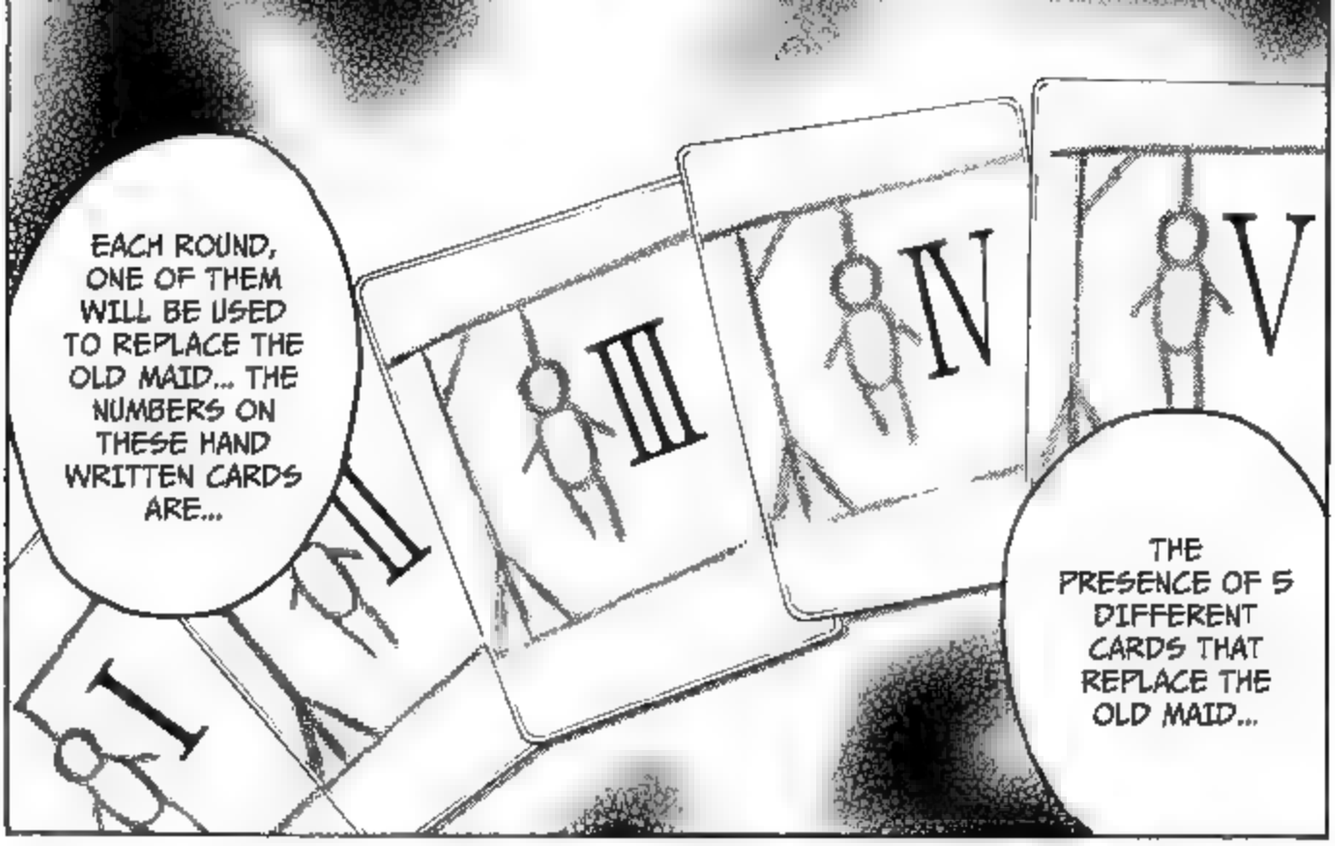
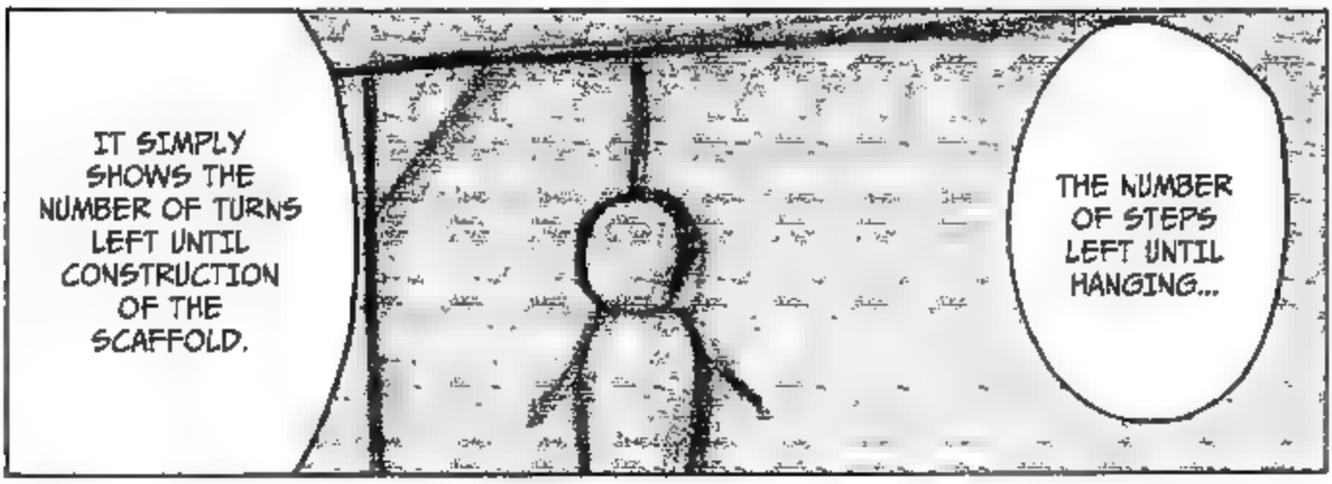
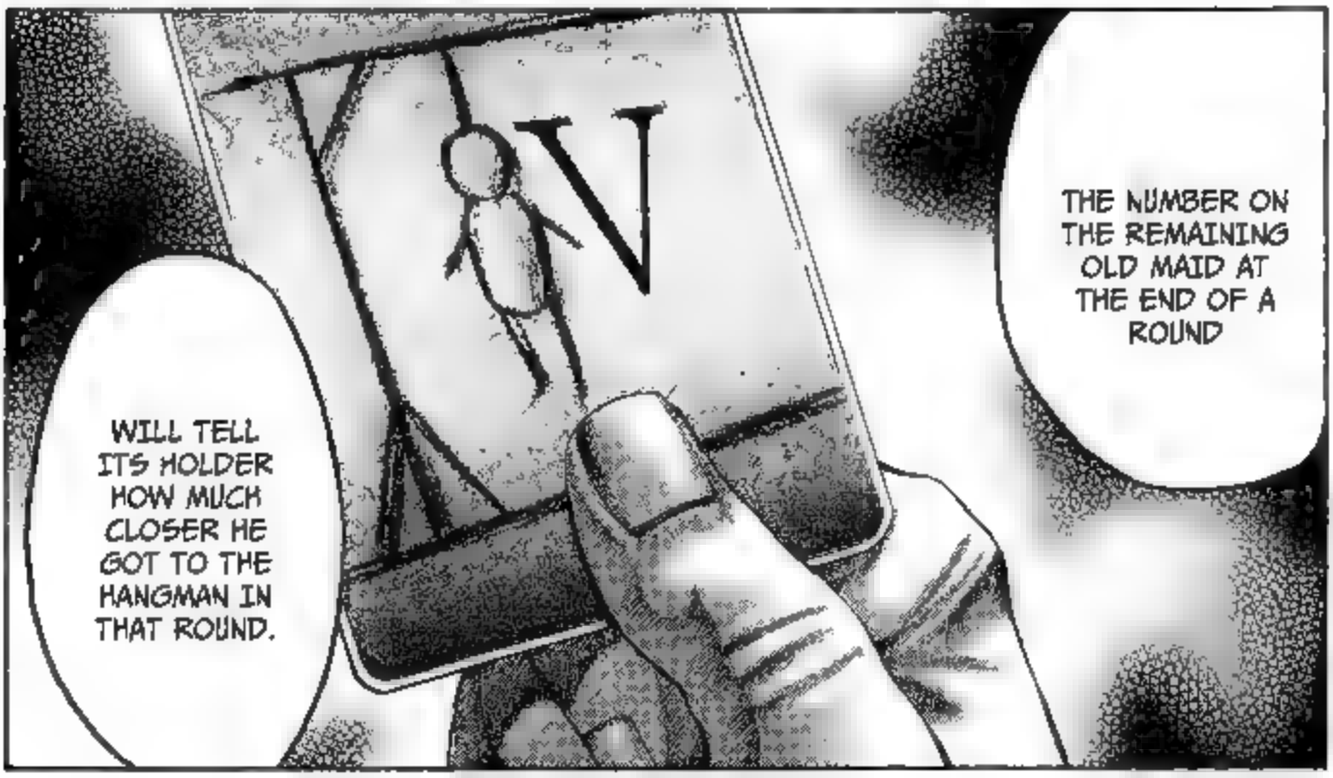
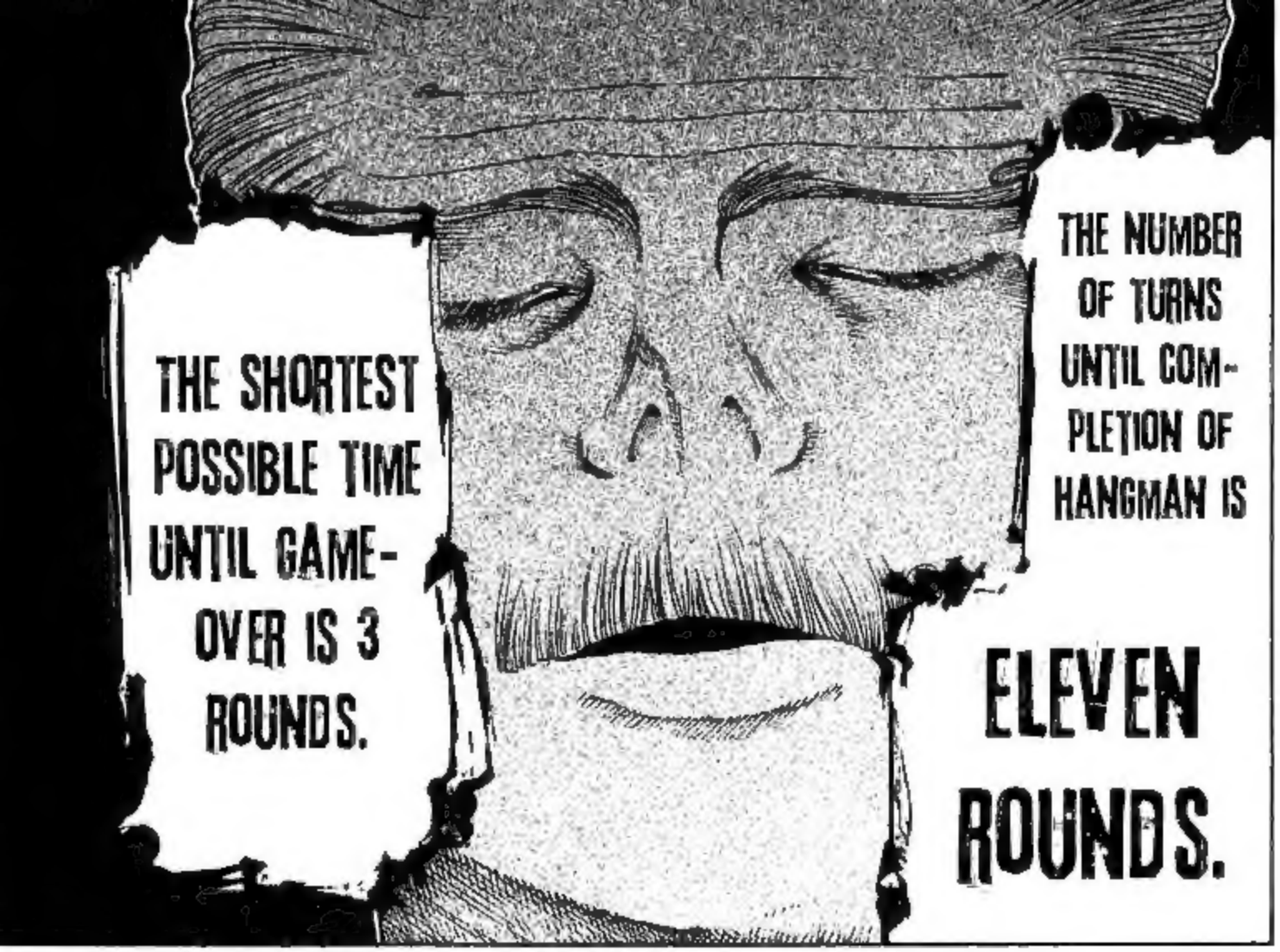

A SINGLE CARD THAT GIVES ITS NAME TO THE GAME, THE OLD MAID, WHICH MAKES 21 TOTAL CARDS.
THESE CARDS CONTAIN TWO SETS OF CARDS NUMBERED FROM 1 TO 10 AND


DURING THE GAME, BOTH SIDES WILL HOLD THEIR SHUFFLED CARDS,
WILL DRAW A CARD FROM OPPONENT'S DECK, AND WILL DISCARD ANY PAIR THEY COLLECT.
THE PERSON THAT HOLDS THE OLD MAID AT THE END OF THE GAME LOSES... BUT...
THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN REGULAR OLD MAID AND THIS GAME IS...


EACH ROUND, ONE OF THEM WILL BE USED TO REPLACE THE OLD MAID... THE NUMBERS ON THESE HAND WRITTEN CARDS ARE...
I
II
III
IV
V
THE PRESENCE OF 5 DIFFERENT CARDS THAT REPLACE THE OLD MAID...

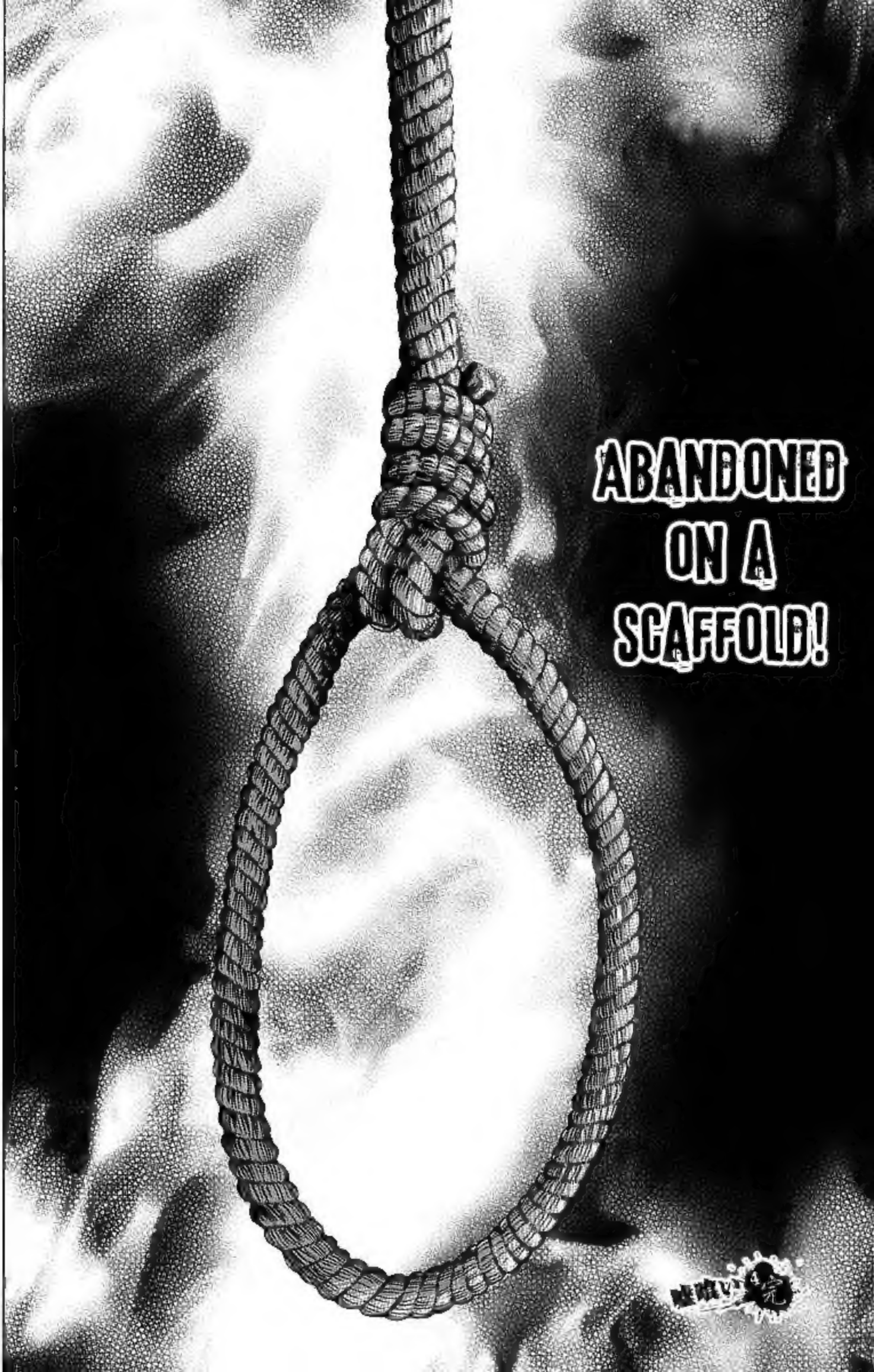

IT SIMPLY SHOWS THE NUMBER OF TURNS LEFT UNTIL CONSTRUCTION OF THE SCAFFOLD.
THE NUMBER OF STEPS LEFT UNTIL HANGING...


WILL TELL ITS HOLDER HOW MUCH CLOSER HE GOT TO THE HANGMAN IN THAT ROUND.
IV
THE NUMBER ON THE REMAINING OLD MAID AT THE END OF A ROUND


THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME UNTIL GAME-OVER IS 3 ROUNDS.
THE NUMBER OF TURNS UNTIL COMPLETION OF HANGMAN IS
ELEVEN ROUNDS.

I HOPE IT'S SETTLED.
THEN...
ARE BOTH PARTIES MENTALLY PREPARED TO START?

"USOGUI"
MADARAME
BAKU
VS
"TERRORIST"
SADAKUNI
IKKI
THE LOSER'S
BODY WILL
SWAY-ON
SACRED MOUNT
FUJI.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